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RESISTED OFFICERS.

Two Brothers Shot—Sheriff, Deputy and City Marshal Stabbed.

(Associated Press.)

Tuskegee, Ala., Jan. 17.—While attempting to arrest Robert and James McBride here last night, Sheriff T. F. Connor was perhaps fatally stabbed. The McBrides were both shot to death. Deputy Sheriff George Tamar was dangerously stabbed about the body and legs and City Marshal G. Y. Taylor was cut on the arms.

The cause of the tragedy was an attempt of the present sheriff and city marshal to arrest the McBride brothers, who resisted with knives, and were shot by the officers.

BOTH DEAD.

Veedersburg, Ind., Jan. 15.—J. Brant, one of the publishers of the Veedersburg News, and Charles Eckberg, a barber, were found dead to-day in a barber shop where they had gone to balance the books of the Odd Fellows' lodge, in which both held official positions. In letters left by Eckberg, he declared his intention of killing himself, saying he was short in his accounts, and that he would "take Brant with him."

Eckberg was financial secretary of the local lodge for several years. An auditing committee, composed of Brant and others, had been appointed to audit the books.

JAP DESTROYER CAPTURED STEAMER

VESSEL WAS ON WAY TO VLADIVOSTOCK WITH COAL

Naval Officer Says Condition of Russian Warships at Port Arthur Is Better Than Expected.

(Associated Press.)

Tokio, Jan. 17.—A Japanese torpedo boat destroyer captured the Dutch steamer Wilhelmina, which was carrying Cardiff coal to Vladivostock in the Tushima Straits on Monday, and brought her to Sasebo.

A first class armored cruiser is being constructed at the naval dock at Kure.

OFFICER ON CONDITIONS AT PORT ARTHUR.

Toko, Jan. 15.—A naval officer who has returned from Port Arthur, discussing conditions there, to-day, said:

"The condition of the Russian war vessels and the town is much better than hoped for.

"Evidently there was much fortifying of the place after the siege commenced. Two Hundred and Three-Metre Hill had no permanent works. The trenches were similar to those used by the Boers in their late war with Great Britain.

"It seems that the Russians had no general electric scheme, movable engines, dynamos or powerful searchlights.

"The Russian naval officers yet say little, and it is impossible to ascertain whether our fire or the opening of the seacocks by the Russians themselves sank their ships in the harbor.

"The hospitals were scattered and were fairly well kept. They are still being used for wounded prisoners.

"It is understood that up to the capitulation of the fortress the garrison received only special allowances of money, and before the surrender Gen. Stoessel had paid them off. This, together with the constant purchase of supplies by the Russians from junkmen, may explain the unreported finding of treasure.

"The treatment of Japanese prisoners at Port Arthur did not compare with that given Russian prisoners here. At Port Arthur the Japanese prisoners were given poor food and were given no fuel. Only twice were they permitted out of their prisons."

DENY NEUTRALITY HAS BEEN VIOLATED.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 17.—The government has not renewed the state of siege in any Russian cities at the opening of the new year, civil law in such places replacing military rule.

The Russian papers protest against the imputation that Gen. Mistchenko's cavalry violated Chinese neutrality even if, of which there is at present no evidence, they crossed the Liao river.

While the cavalry raid on the line of Japanese communications will be welcomed as a happy augurer of the operations of the New Year, the general staff does not give encouragement to the idea that it is the precursor of a serious movement.

FISHERMEN ASSIST IN CLEARING HARBOR.

Tokio, Jan. 15.—It is reported that 100 fishermen will be sent to Port Arthur to assist in clearing the harbor and vicinity of mines.

FIFTY-NINE DROWNED.

People and Houses Swept Away by Wave Caused by an Avalanche of Rock.

(Associated Press.)

Christiania, Norway, Jan. 17.—Fifty-nine persons perished as the result of an avalanche of rock at Naesdale, north of Bergen, on Sunday.

A mass of rock was suddenly precipitated into Leonvand lake from the neighboring hills, causing an immense wave 20 feet high, which swept the neighboring shores. Houses, people and cattle were swept away by the rush of water.

Thus far only four bodies have been recovered. A great storm to-day stopped the relief work as the surrounding district is unable to send help.

FRENCH MINISTRY.

Members of Cabinet Will Submit Resignations to President on His Return to Paris.

(Associated Press.)

Paris, Jan. 17.—At a meeting of the council of ministers to-day, held under the presidency of Premier Combes, pending the absence of President Loubet, who was attending the funeral of his mother at Marsanne, M. Combes communicated to the council the text of a letter announcing the resignation of himself and his colleagues. It was arranged that the ministers should proceed together to the Elysee palace upon the return of M. Loubet for the submission of the letter to the President. It was also arranged that the cabinet request the chamber of deputies to temporarily suspend its session, the ministers having no desire to participate in the work of the house pending consideration of their resignation.

The letter sets forth the reasons for the resignation of the cabinet, maintaining that as the ministry had not been placed in the minority in the chamber its policies should prevail in the new ministry.

PREDICTS REVOLUTION.

King Peter's Failure to Get Rid of Regicides is Causing Unrest in Servia.

London, Jan. 17.—The correspondent at Vienna of the Daily Telegraph relates that the same Servian newspaper correspondent who foretold the murder of King Alexander and Queen Draga, three days before it happened, now predicts a revolution arising from dissatisfaction with King Peter's government for its failure to get rid of the regicides.

The Daily Telegraph's dispatch asserts that a pamphlet threatening the massacre of the regicides and the dethronement of King Peter has had a tremendous circulation in Servia.

VICTORIA'S PROTEST AGAINST CLOSE SEASON

The Whole Subject Will Be Thoroughly Discussed by Ministers, Members and Delegates.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—The department of marine and fisheries received to-day a protest from Victoria, B. C., against the close seasons for sockeye salmon, which it is proposed to establish on the Pacific Coast. There will be a meeting of the Vancouver delegation and Messrs. Prefontaine and Templeman and the British Columbia parliamentary representatives, when the matetr will be discussed.

It appears certain that the close seasons which have already been arranged for by the cannerymen on the Fraser river and in the state of Washington will be sanctioned at Ottawa.

FAMILY PERISHED.

Lawyer, His Wife and Two Children and Servant Lost Their Lives.

New York, Jan. 15.—William T. Mason, a lawyer, and his family, consisting of wife and two children, Ellen, four years old, and Marion, six months, with a servant, Annie Wells, lost their lives in a fire that partially destroyed the dwelling occupied by them at 133 West One Hundred and Thirtieth street early to-day. Although neighbors say they heard cries of "murder" and "burglars," the police found nothing to indicate that the fire was not accidental.

The whole family appears to have been suffocated. The bodies of the father and youngest child were untouched by the flames and those of the others probably were burned after they had died.

A policeman and a neighbor who heard the cries attempted to break into the house, but were driven back by the smoke.

The charred bodies of Mrs. Mason, the servant and Ellen were found in a closet under the roof scuttle, through which they are supposed to have attempted to escape. The bodies of Mr. Mason and the younger child were in a bedroom.

"ATROCIOUS LIARS."

Senator Mitchell Denounces the Authors of Charge Against Him.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, made a statement in the Senate to-day regarding his indictment in connection with the Oregon land frauds. At the outset the Senator declared that the charges made against him, if true, unfitted him to occupy his seat in the Senate.

He then detailed the charges and said: "I assert in the most positive and unqualified manner that each and everyone of these charges in so far as they relate to or involve me are absolutely, unqualifiedly and atrociously false, and I here and now indignantly and defiantly denounce their authors, each and every one of them, and brand them publicly as malicious and atrocious liars."

DENOUNCES WITNESSES.

Bishop Connelly, Speaking at Eureka, Said Men Have Been Shot for Breaking Oaths.

(Associated Press.)

Salt Lake, Utah, Jan. 17.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Eureka, Utah, says that Bishop Daniel Connelly, in an address before the Mormon Young People's Societies of that place, has denounced as "traitors" the witnesses in the Smoot investigation who have revealed the endowment house, and declared that he had known men to be shot to death for breaking their oaths.

MURDERED BY BRIGANDS.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, Jan. 17.—Ira A. Sanger, 35 years old, a relative of Mrs. Geo. M. Pullman, of Chicago, has been slain by Mexican half-breed bandits in the mountain wilds of Similoa, Mexico. Robbery was the purpose of the murder. Mexican rurals were sent out after the murderers. Mr. Sanger was well to do.

WINTER IN THE RIVIERA.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Jan. 17.—A Paris dispatch to the Herald says: "The Riviera has been visited by snow and unusually severe weather, causing great discomfort and damage. At San Remo alone flowers to the value of 5,000,000 fr. ($1,000,000) have been destroyed."

STEAMER SERVICE TO NEW ZEALAND

THE VESSELS WILL CALL AT VICTORIA

Dominion Government Has Decided to Grant a Subsidy—Liberal Caucus at Ottawa.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—The Dominion government has decided to put a sum in the estimates for a steamship service between Vancouver, calling at Victoria, and New Zealand. The New Zealand government will give an equal amount. This decision has been reached after considerable negotiations between the two governments. It is understood that the present Australian line running to Vancouver is after the subsidy and if successful they would run to New Zealand. The government may make a deal with them. Canada enjoys the New Zealand preference and a good trade may be worked up between both countries.

Liberal Caucus.

The first government caucus of the session was held to-day. Senator Wm. Gibson presided. The principal business was the appointment of whips. W. S. Calvert was appointed chief whip, and H. J. Logan assistant chief whip. The latter is a new office. G. D. Grant was made whip for Ontario, Louis Lavergne and Dan Gallery for Quebec, Alexander Johnston, Sydney, for the maritime provinces, G. Turriff for Manitoba and the Northwest, and Robert McPherson, Vancouver, for British Columbia. Sir Wilfrid impressed upon the party the desirability of a short session, seeing there was very little legislation before the House.

AN AGITATION IN FAVOR OF PEACE

PETITION BEING LARGELY SIGNED BY RUSSIANS

All Classes in Capital and the Principal Towns Urge the Czar to Terminate the War.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Jan. 17.—A dispatch to the Times from London quotes the London Times Russian correspondent as saying that an agitation in favor of peace is being started by a number of eminent citizens of St. Petersburg who have drawn up an address to the Czar representing the uselessness of war and urging that as the government has not proved itself competent to carry on the war successfully, it should not be allowed to continue to prove its incapacity at the cost of blood and tears of the nation.

The address has been largely signed by people of all classes in the capital and principal towns of Russia.

The Liberal paper Nasha Schen says it is high time that the myriads of men sent to Manchuria should return to peaceful pursuits, and the life of Russia resume its normal course.

Advices from St. Petersburg say it has been hinted in certain quarters that the fall of Port Arthur might possibly render Russia more receptive to a proposal of mediation with a view to the termination of hostilities.

The answers by the Russian foreign office to all inquiries on this subject, however, are in the negative.

DEPORTED.

Since Beginning of Year Eleven Hundred Immigrants Have Been Sent From New York.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Jan. 17.—Deportation records in New York show that for sixteen days in January 1,100 persons were sent away. Of these a large proportion were Russian Hebrews, mainly refugees. No such record has ever been attained at Ellis Island. The number deported equals eight per cent. of the total arrivals, the previous average having been 1½ per cent. The immigration officials have received information from a number of English Hebrews who arrived on the Umbria to the effect that the east end of London is flooded with Hebrews who say they are waiting an opportunity to get to America.

WILL APPEAL.

English Mechanic Objects to Decision of New York Immigration Officials.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Jan. 17.—William Bishop, a young English mechanic, has been ordered deported by the immigration authorities at this port because of his socialistic views. Bishop is possessed of the required amount of money to land and he purposes appealing against the decision.

MANY WOUNDED.

Bayonet Charge By Infantry on Reservists Who Resisted the Call to Arms.

London, Jan. 16.—The Vienna correspondent of the London Daily Leader reported serious rioting at Saratoff, the capital of Russian government of Saratoff. The trouble started some days ago, when the reservists were called out and the police were sent into the homes of those who did not report on time. On Friday and Saturday several minor excesses occurred, and on Sunday 200 reservists gathered in a saloon, where they listened to revolutionary speeches.

The police were informed of the meeting, and a strong detachment of infantry was sent out at their request to break up the gathering. Hearing of this, the reservists proceeded to wreck the saloon, almost tearing the walls down.

When the troops arrived, they found the reservists well armed, and the commanding officer gave the order to charge with bayonets. Before this onslaught the reservists dispersed, leaving sixty wounded in the street.

VERY QUESTIONABLE GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

Gold Brick Artist in Far Off Barcelona, Spain, Tries to Work Victoria Merchant.

"For ways that are dark, and tricks that are vain, the gold brick man is peculiar," is not an inapt pharaphrase of Bert Harte's familiar little ditty. At the same time it must be confessed that the male persuasion holds no exclusive monopoly of the game, in view of the performances of Madame Humbert and Mrs. Chadwick. The luminous feature about these elaborate "sure thing" enterprises is the colossal snaps the promoters offer, and another feature probably equally conspicuous is the avidity with which the tempting bait is swallowed by disciples of the "get rich quick" idea. One can easily understand the hope of success that would exist in the heart of a bunco operator who had won the confidence of his victim, but when a total stranger takes the trouble to throw out a line several thousand miles long and in waters that can contain nothing for him but uncertainty, he gives an exhibition of gall nothing short of sublime.

R. H. Johnston, the well-known local seed merchant, has received one of these philanthropic "offers" from some individual in Barcelona, Spain, who must have an extraordinary idea of the guileless innocence of the people of this place. He gives Mr. Johnston the opportunity of making considerably more than £9,000 in return for a comparatively trifling favor. The Victorian, however, has conscientious scruples against getting rich so quickly and easily, so he proposes to decline the offer without thanks. Moreover, in order that the public may not be kept in ignorance of the existence of the Barcelona philanthropist who is in danger of "wasting his sweetness on a desert air," Mr. Johnston has handed the letter to the press. It came in a black-bordered envelope, and was addressed as follows: "North America, British Canada; Mr. Robt. H. Johnston, seed merchant; Victoria (Columbia.)"

Here is the letter:

Barcelona, and Dec. the 22nd, 1904.

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MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Conductor Shot His Wife and Then Himself—Jealousy Cause of the Tragedy.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 15.—A special to the Herald from Needles, Cal., says: While at the dinner table, C. C. Story, a Santa Fe conductor, formerly of Los Angeles, shot and instantly killed his wife. Immediately afterwards he shot himself through the head, dying almost instantly. The couple were alone at the time of the shooting. Jealousy was the cause of the tragedy.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK.

Section of Barracks in Jalapa, Mexico, Collapsed.

(Associated Press.)

Mexico City, Jan. 17.—A heavy shock of earthquake was felt on the morning of the 14th instant in the city of Jalapa, the capital of the state of Vera Cruz. The whole of one section of the infantry barracks collapsed, but at the time the building was unoccupied.

VANCOUVER URGES CHANGES IN ACT

DEPUTATION WAITS ON THE COMMISSION

Representations Made by Board of Trade of Terminal City on Assessment Grievances.

The assessment commission resumed its duties this morning. Col. Warren, of Vancouver, and a deputation from the Vancouver Board of Trade appeared and gave their views. W. L. Fagan, assessor for the Vancouver district, was also present.

Col. F. Warren, C. M. G., of Vancouver, appeared before the commission on behalf of the small settlers in the province. The system of assessment was insufficient. There was absolutely no system of assessment of land in the province. Assessors acted with perfect independence, and acted according to their own knowledge or lack of knowledge in making assessments. In some instances lands were not viewed for a period of as long as 10 years. Yet the assessor would take it for granted that improvements had been made and assess 50 per cent. higher.

The rate of 1 per cent. on the assessed value of land was a rate which could not be paid if the correct valuation was given.

The delegation from the Vancouver Board of Trade arriving, Col. Warren gave way to them. The deputation consisted of R. Alexander, John Hendry, Wm. McCraney, W. J. McMillan, H. C. Stone and A. B. Erskine.

Chairman Carter-Cotton explained that the commission regretted the fact that it could not visit Vancouver. Had it done so, however, other centres would have desired visits also. Another reason for not leaving Victoria was that all the documents, etc., were here.

R. Alexander, speaking for the delegates, read a resolution adopted by the board of trade. The resolution set forth that taxation pressed unequally. One objection was that in business places the plant of a manufacturer was taxed at the same rate as the stock carried. The resolution favored plants of manufacturers being assessed at only half the rate of stock. It also favored book debts being free from taxation, and complained that in the assessment and collection of taxes a large amount of property went free.

In support of these representations, Mr. Alexander said that it seemed unfair that the plant which produced the stock should be assessed at the same rate as the stock produced. The machinery should either be free or assessed at half the rate of the stock. In Ontario in the classification the machinery was included as real estate.

Chairman Carter-Cotton said that in this province the movable machinery only was classified as personal property.

Mr. Alexander said that when it came down to the fine thing it was nearly impossible to decide what was fixed and what was movable machinery. The result was that machinery was assessed as personal property. The Ontario act further exempted machinery classified as real estate.

Mr. Alexander instanced a hardware merchant who had rivets and plates on hand. He was assessed on the values of these. A manufacturer took these and produced a boiler. It was then taxed as a manufactured article, and made to pay on the labor producing it and the machinery which produced it. A boiler might be brought in and a tax would then be paid only on the article itself. This system of taxation worked against manufacturing.

Chairman Carter-Cotton thought that this carried to its extreme would exempt nearly everything.

Mr. Alexander said that going back it came to the stand taken by the board of trade, that the personal property tax could not be levied equitably, and that the only way to collect fairly was on income.

Referring to the cases of the men coming into the province with $100,000 each, he said the one investing in machinery and going into manufacturing would pay $1,000 in taxes. The other letting his money at, say, 6 per cent, got an income of $6,000. With $1,000 exempted the man paid 1½ per cent. on $5,000, or $75 in taxes. This was eminently unfair, and afforded little encouragement to go into manufacturing in the province.

Hon. R. G. Tatlow pointed out that the land on which the investment was made also paid taxes. In the other instance the product was not taxed.

Mr. Alexander said that the same man did not pay the tax.

Referring to the lumber industry, Mr. Alexander said that there was a mistaken idea with respect to the importance of the industry. It contributed very heavily to the revenues. His own firm paid $45,000 to the government in royalties, taxes, etc. Of that sum $32,205 was paid in royalty; the rental for land was $9,329, and the personal property tax was $2,826. For each working day the company was obliged to pay $155 to the government. This amounted to a charge of 65c. a thousand. The profits, after paying mining expenses, were about $2 per thousand. The government collected 65 cents of this, or 32½ per cent. of the profits.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow and Chairman Carter-Cotton thought that the rental for land and royalty should not be included, as from this the company got its supply of timber.

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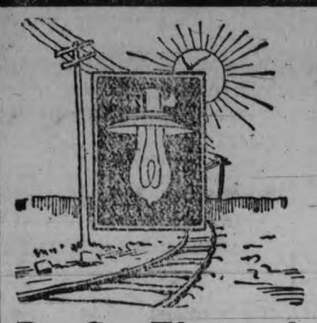

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SOLDIERS REFUSED TO OBEY ORDERS

WHEN INFORMED OF SURRENDER OF FORTRESS

Gen. Kouropatkin Tells of Recent Raids by Russian Cavalry—Reports Defeat of Japanese.

Headquarters of the third Japanese army at Port Arthur, Jan. 14, via Tientsin, Jan. 16.—The victorious Japanese army yesterday formally entered Port Arthur. The army was represented by one regiment from each brigade. The procession, which was five miles long, was three hours passing the saluting base, after which the troops passed out of the city through the new town.

The correspondents then visited the captured city for the first time. The old town buildings were badly smashed by shells, but in the new town the damage was slight. All the shipping in the harbor was badly damaged.

Proposals for the surrender of Port Arthur were first made December 29th at a council of war. Gen. Stoessel was in favor of surrendering, but some of his general officers were bitterly opposed to it. The regimental officers and the troops were not consulted.

The first notice they had of the surrender was January 1st, after Gen. Stoessel had communicated with the Japanese.

The scenes following the surrender were disgraceful. Drunken soldiers filled the streets and refused to obey their officers. Many of them destroyed the guns upon the fortifications they had defended and came into the city without permission. The infantry loudly protested that the fortress had been given away, threw their rifles and ammunition into the harbor and proceeded to break into warehouses and loot and drink vodka until in a helpless condition.

It was evident that the surrender was not necessary, as there were 31,000 effective men in the fortress. The supply of ammunition was short, but it was not exhausted. Food was scarce, but private stores were not requisitioned by the military. There is no difficulty in getting good meals in the city even now from the stores in private possession. A portion of the fortress was capable of defence for months longer.

It was the opinion of non-combatants at Port Arthur that the surrender was unnecessary, as the troops were willing and able to fight to the bitter end.

Gen. Stoessel was much blamed for what was characterized as a disgraceful conclusion of a splendid defence, which ended with the death of Major-General Kondratenko, who was loved by the soldiers, and was the life of the defence.

THE RUSSIANS ARE NOT SATISFIED.

London, Jan. 16.—Letters from St. Petersburg show there is already more than a strong tendency to deny that Stoessel is the hero he was acclaimed before the surrender of Port Arthur. Especially is this so in Russian military circles, but representatives of all classes combine in the indictment. Military men claim something more was possible, indeed, indispensable, before surrender. They even maintain his official reports were untrue. On December 27th Gen. Stoessel telegraphed: "Garrison is suffering from scurvy. Ten thousand are under arms, but all are ill."

Japanese official accounts, however, show they found 22,491 privates and non-commissioned officers, 6,500 marines and officers and others, which brought up the total to 32,207 men capable of fighting. Apart from munitions in the fortress thirty odd thousand men still had over 2,000,000 cartridges and other munitions of war, with large supplies.

Military men are also incensed over the total absence of mention of Gen. Smyrnoff in Stoessel's dispatches.

The Czar's friend, Prince Meschersky, writes in Grashanin:

"What can it mean that all through the siege among the heroes Stoessel mentions, one name is lacking which was honored within the walls of Port Arthur just as much as Stoessel's own name—Smyrnoff, the name of the commander of Port Arthur, who made a first-class fortress out of a mere rock? Generals Kondratenko and Fock were similarly neglected."

JAPANESE DEFEATED WITH HEAVY LOSS.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 16.—Gen. Kouropatkin has sent this report to the Emperor:

"During the evening of January 10th one and a half companies of Japanese infantry and half a squadron of Japanese dragoons were defeated with great loss.

"On January 11th a Japanese company and two squadrons, which were occupying Newchwang, were driven out by our Cossacks, who occupied the place and afterwards pursued the company, defeating it, inflicting heavy loss. The same night our patrols damaged the railroad line, the telegraph line, a train and two locomotives.

"During these two days our cavalry defeated several small detachments and captured one officer, fourteen soldiers and 500 carts, with stores. Our casualties were three officers killed and ten wounded, and fifteen soldiers killed and 49 wounded.

"On January 12th our patrols damaged the railroad six miles from Yinkow.

"At 4 p. m. January 12th a Russian detachment reached Yinkow. Our artillery cannonaded the station, set fire to the stores and later stormed the station. The Japanese opened fire with rifle and machine guns, and our men sought shelter in ditches and again attacked until they reached the railroad line, when a strong force of Japanese cavalry appeared and advanced from Tashikow. Our forces, being inferior, retired, carrying away nearly all the killed and wounded. The stores at Yinkow were ablaze almost the whole night."

EXCHANGE OF JAP AND RUSSIAN OFFICERS.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 16.—The Japanese consent to an exchange of prisoners, according to class and rank, has just been received here. Consequently in the near future the Russian officers captured on the Russian volunteer fleet cruiser Ekaterinoslav by the Japanese will be exchanged for three Japanese officers captured on the Japanese transport Kinshin, sunk by the Russians in the Sea of Japan, and the Sada, driven ashore by the Russians in the Sea of Japan. The question of an exchange of prisoners on this basis was raised by Russia last summer.

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BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The Lafayette, Ala., bank was dynamited early on Monday and the robbers secured $40,000. The residents of the town were startled by a loud explosion and an investigation developed the fact that the bank had been entered by burglars and nitroglycerine or dynamite used with terrific effect.

Despite the united efforts of the greater portion of the fire departments of Chicago, a fire in the beef storage department of Schwarz, Chield & Sulzberger's plant at the stock yards has produced dense smoke for more than twenty-four hours, causing temporary asphyxiation of thirty-three firemen and helpers, and a loss by fire on the building and by smoke of the beef at $600,000. Thirty-two hours after the fire had been discovered, the firemen caught the first glimpse of the flames they had been fighting so long.

By spending $195,196 during 1904, the Congregational Church Building Society has built 120 churches and 45 parsonages, according to the annual report of the society, made public in New York on Monday. In 52 years the society has built 3,603 churches and 923 parsonages. Contributions were received during 1904 from 3,054 churches. The Sunday schools and Christian Endeavor Societies contributed $95,753. The total receipts for the year were $217,100, and the applications for aid amounted to $334,335. Assistance was given to churches in 36 states.

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BOARDING SCHOOL DESTROYED BY FIRE

Inmates Had Narrow Escape—Representatives of Labor Congress and Manufacturers in Conference.

Winnipeg, Jan. 16.—The Roman Catholic boarding school at St. Paul Des Metis, Saskatchewan, was totally destroyed by fire on Sunday; loss $25,000, no insurance. Nine sisters and 85 children had narow escapes.

Blaze in Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Jan. 16.—The interior of the new Commercial Club building on Main street was damaged by fire to-night. Five thousand dollars will cover the loss; fully insured.

Hockey Match.

Winnipeg, Jan. 16.—Rat Portage defeated Winipeg Victorias 5 to 1 to-night in the senior hockey series.

Attempted Suicide.

Winnipeg, Jan. 16.—Sam Cannon, former partner of pugilist Slavin on the Pacific Coast, attempted suicde at noon. He was taken to the general hospital in a low condition. He cut his throat with a razor in a Main street sleeping room.

A Conference.

Toronto, Jan. 16.—A conference between the Dominion trades and labor congress representatives and the committee of five from the Canadian Manufacturers' Association upon important issues in dispute is being held here to-day. The conference was agreed upon last September when the two bodies were in convention in Montreal. While the relations between Canadian capital and labor is said to be more satisfactory now than formerly, P. W. Ellis, one of the manufacturers' delegates, pointed out that last year, owing to strikes, nearly 700 working days were lost, and these troubles were not chiefly upon questions of wages and hours, but upon other differences which should be adjustable. Three big questions before the conference relate to Dominion legislation, namely, the compulsory use of the label; more stringent alien labor laws, and restriction of immigration of skilled artisans.

Another Fire.

Toronto, Jan. 16.—The Fensom Elevator Company's works, Duke street, were damaged by fire yesterday to the extent of $25,000; fully covered by insurance.

Will B Executed.

Montreal, Jan. 16.—Right up to this morning there was one chance that the death sentence upon the Italian, Giacconi, might be commuted to life imprisonment. The chance was the appeal of the twelve jurymen, who convicted the man, to the Dominion cabinet. Word reached the jurymen, who were taking the initiative to-day, to the effect that no matter what argument they might now bring before the cabinet, the decision to hang Giacconi would not be altered. The long journey upon which Radcliffe, the hangman, has just started, is giving the sheriff some uneasy hours. Radcliffe left for the East on Saturday morning. Sheriff Thibeaudeau says that in case Radcliffe does not turn up, he has a man who will take his place.

DOMINION DEFENCES.

The Comments of the London Morning Post.

London, Jan. 16.—Commenting on the Toronto Globe's statement that Canada should bear the cost of her land defence and quoting the remark of the same journal that the British taxpayer does not understand "how little Halifax and Esquimalt garrisons have to do with the Dominion defences," the Morning Post says: "There crops up the old fallacy that the defence of Canada would be merely a matter of land warfare and that the naval bases maintained on the Atlantic and Pacific seaboards are of no value to the Dominion. It is folly to deny that nine out of every ten of the Canadians, despite the energetic propaganda of the Navy League and the great object lessons afforded by military history, are still of the opinion that Canada's existence as a commercial power of the first magnitude and the safety of her territory can be assured without the help of the British navy. With one exception all Canadian historians ignore the fact that Canada is a creation of the British sea power, and are largely responsible for the fallacy in question, since their numbers have been perpetuated in the school books used in Canada. Recently this fallacy has put forth strange shoots. There are Canadians who believe that in the event of war between the Empire and one or more of the amphibious great powers the Monroe doctrine would be applied to safeguard Canadian territory and Canadians would be allowed to pass through the United States of America. This might happen, but it is tolerably certain that the States would exact a stiff price for protection."

The Morning Post goes on to comment on the possibility of war between the United States and the Empire, and says "only the destruction of the commerce of the former would save Canada, and all the colonies with the exception of Canada have accepted the principle implied in the grant of naval money or men. It follows that every responsible speaker and writer on military matters in this country has the duty to perform of impressing the people that their responsibilities are in proportion to their privileges. The propaganda of the Navy League is useful in its way, but its unofficial discourses will never effect very much. What is now wanted is a little plain, straightforward speaking from British statesmen in power, or out of power. Let Lord Rosebery and the rest have the courage to say what every plain, straightforward person will say whenever such phrases as 'loyalty of the colonies' and 'unity of the Empire' are used. It ought not to be difficult to suggest a means whereby the Canadian contribution to the navy could be spent in accordance with Canada's wishes. Her representatives would expect for one thing to see good value for their money. Then let a definite proposition be made in plain, straightforward terms."

—House wiring. Hinton Electric Co.

A PROTEST ENTERED AGAINST COMMISSION

Meeting Held at Ladner Condemns the Assessment Act and the Present Inquiry.

John Oliver, M. P. P., held a public meeting at Ladner on January 12th to discuss the working of the Provincial Assessment Act (1904) A. De K. Taylor was voted to the chair, H. J. Cresswell acting as secretary.

Mr. Oliver first touched upon the irregularity in the working of the act with regard to railways, one railroad at the present time (owing to assessment by mileage) paying a tax of one per cent., another two per cent., another three per cent., and yet another thirty-eight per cent. of the gross earnings respectively, thus showing that the poorest railroad was the most heavily taxed.

He then referred more in detail to the effect of the act upon the farming community, and showed that a farmer would have to pay in taxes to the provincial government at least ten per cent. of his gross income, over and above all other taxes he is at present burdened with. At the same time other portions of the act had been dropped by the government, without authority from the people's representatives; noticeably, the tax upon money in banks. He also spoke of the tax upon debts, and showed that the wholesale merchant was liable to pay tax upon all outstanding accounts with the retailer, whether good or bad. The retailer again was liable to tax upon all debts due to him, and so the government was able to levy tax upon the same values over and over again indefinitely.

Mr. Oliver gave many other instances to prove that the Assessment Act, as forced through by the Conservative government, was ill-considered, unbusinesslike and unworkable.

In spite of all this increase of taxation, the province was faced with another deficit, expenditure having been far in excess of revenue. And now the government had appointed an irresponsible commission at a cost to the province of $5,000 to report upon the working of one of its own acts, two cabinet ministers who were responsible for the act sitting upon the commission, the only representative of the general public being the Brackman-Ker Milling Company and the B. C. Electric Railway Compaiy.

The above meeting was well attended, and Mr. Oliver's remarks were listened to with great interest, and elicited many questions from the audience.

At the close the following resolutions were drawn up and unanimously passed, and the secretary was instructed to forward a copy of the same to the commission now siting in Victoria:

Resolved, That this meeting disapproves of the personnel of the provincial assessment commission, neither the farming, mining nor lumbering interests being represented on the commission.

Resolved, That the taxation of farm products, in addition to real estate and personal property, imposes a grievous, unjust and inequitable burden upon the agricultural interests.

Resolved, That the determination arrived at that the commission will only take evidence in Victoria is an unfair discrimination against the interests of the other portions of the province and will tend to prevent a full inquiry.

Resolved, That the representatives of the people in parliament assembled are better qualified to deal with the questions of assessment and taxation than are the present assessment commission.

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FOR SALE—12 laying chickens, pullets or yearlings, good sorts. Hollis, Lansdowne road, opp. Olson's Nursery.

FOR SALE—Sextant, $20; telescope (Cox), $7.50; shotgun 12 bore, $12; Chevalier field glass, $7.50; mandolin, in perfect order, $6. Jacob Aaronson, 64 Johnson street, 2 doors below Government street.

BILLIARD TABLES, NEW AND SECOND-HAND—For sale, new and second-hand billiard and pool tables. Inspect our stock or write for catalogue. The largest selection in Canada. Brunswick Balke Collender Co. J. Johnston, Kirk Block, Douglas street, agent, Victoria.

HOLLY TREES FOR SALE. Jay & Co., 13 Broad street. Phone 1024.

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TO LET—Cottage, 5 rooms and bath. Furnished cottage, $7 per month. A. Williams, 104 Yates.

TO LET—Furnished bungalow, Head street, Victoria West; immediate possession. Bungalow, this office.

TO LET—Osborne House, Pandora and Blanchard streets; furnished rooms at reasonable rates, per week or per month.

TO LET—Furnished bedroom for gentleman, with use of bath. Gordon Hotel, Yates street.

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Real Estate and Insurance Agents, 9 and 11 Trounce Avenue.

GREAT BARGAIN—A good modern bungalow and 2 lots, on Oak Bay Ave., for $2,900.

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FOR SALE—Oak Bay avenue, two story dwelling, fine lot; $1,050; easy terms of purchase.

FOR SALE—Douglas Gardens; the only choice lots on the market. Price and terms on application.

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FOR SALE—Fort street, near Cook street, double front lot, 60x120 feet, fine residential site; price and terms on application.

FOR SALE—James Island, 165 acres, 30 acres cultivated, balance slashed and seeded, well watered, excellent run for sheep or cattle; cottage, barn, stables, sheep sheds, etc.; orchard of 112 trees, principally apples. Price $2,500. This is very cheap.

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FOR SALE—Four miles from town, 20 acres, of which 12 acres are cultivated, balance light timber, principally oak, orchard of 140 fruit trees in bearing, five roomed cottage, brick dairy, large barn, three wells of excellent water, good roads; price and terms on application.

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FOR SALE—Pine street, good lot, 55 ft. by 135 ft., no rock; assessed value $240; our price $125.

FOR SALE—Blanchard street, lot 20x60, with two story building in good condition, cheap; would make a good factory.

FOR SALE—James Bay, corner lot, with five roomed dwelling, only $1,800.

FOR SALE—Pandora street, 10 roomed dwelling, all modern conveniences; $2,600.

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FOR SALE—Oak Bay, 2½ acres, 4 roomed house, good soil, city water laid on.

FOR SALE—Lot, 60x120, and 7 roomed house, McClure street; $1,600.

FOR SALE—Cottage and lot, Johnson street; nice home.

FOR SALE—7½ acres and small dwelling, near the exhibition buildings; $500 cash and balance in small monthly payments, no interest.

FOR SALE—Water lot and dwelling, near the new C. P. R. wharf, James Bay; price and terms on application.

FOR SALE—Fort street, near Linden avenue, 10 roomed dwelling, double front lot; well situated for private boarding house.

FOR SALE—Henry street, Victoria West, 8 vacant lots; only $525.

FOR SALE—Esquimalt road, with frontage on beach, ½ acre and 8 roomed house, $2,500; terms.

FOR SALE—Pandora street, lot 60x120, 6 roomed cottage; only $1,150.

FOR SALE—9½ acres, four miles from city; $350.

FOR SALE—240 acres, Lake District, excellent fruit soil, plenty of water; only $5,250.

FOR SALE—Cowichan District, 138 acres, large dwelling, barns, etc., well adapted for a dairy farm, only $6,000; easy terms.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Jan. 17.—5 a. m.—The barometer is comparatively high and the weather cloudy, mild and showery over the North Pacific Coast, and the winds from this to California are light to moderate in force. The weather has also become mild in Cariboo, Kootenay and Alberta.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate winds, unsettled, mild and showery.

Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, cloudy, mild and showery.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.17; temperature, 43; minimum, 42; wind, calm; rain, .06; weather, foggy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.18; temperature, 38; minimum, 38; wind, calm; rain, .12; weather, cloudy, fog.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, 30; minimum, 28; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, 26; minimum, 22; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.10; temperature, 48; minimum, 48; wind, 4 miles W.; weather, clear.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, 32; minimum, 16; wind, 4 miles S.W.; weather, fair.

HER HEART LIKE A POLLUTED SPRING.—Mrs. James Srigley, Pelee Island, Ont., says: "I was for five years afflicted with dyspepsia, constipation, heart disease and nervous prostration. I cured the heart trouble with Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart, and the other ailments vanished like mist. Had relief in half an hour after the first dose."—27.

PURSE FOR JOHN HOUSTON.

Presentation to the Mayor of Nelson by His Followers.

"John Houston, mayor and member of the legislative assembly, was presented on Friday evening with a purse containing $500 in gold," says the Nelson News. "The offering was subscribed by supporters of Mr. Houston in the municipal campaign, most of whom had won money on the election.

"Shortly after 7.30, about 80 men were massed in Mr. Houston's office. William Blackmore called for order, asked Mr. Houston to come forward, and after a brief introduction, read an address. The leader was assured of the confidence and esteem in which he was held by his followers. Resentment at the opposition which had been offered to him, and regret that the majority was not larger, were expressed. At the close of the address, Mr. Blakemore laid on the desk a list of the subscribers and emptied a bag containing $500 in gold.

"Mr. Houston expressed his gratitude for the testimonial of his followers' belief in his integrity and loyalty to them. He reviewed the campaign and its incidents and expressed entire satisfaction with his majority. He told of a presentation made to him on the occasion of his first election as mayor of Nelson, eight years ago. He was given a plug hat, a gold cane and an address, all of which are still treasured. After thanking his friends the mayor expressed his intention, and declared his ability, to carry out every pledge made in the campaign."

Rev. M. L. Stimson, a South Sea missionary, who arrived at San Francisco on Sunday on the steamer Dorice, brings the first details of the murder of five Catholic priests and five nuns of New Britain last October. After the murders the savages ate the bodies of their victims within sight of the German governor's residence.

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FUNERAL YESTERDAY.

Remains of Dr. William Grant Mitchell Laid at Rest.

The remains of Dr. William Grant Mitchell were laid at rest yesterday afternoon from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral & Furnishing Company. Impressive religious services were conducted at Christ church cathedral and at Ross Bay cemetery by Canon Beanlands. There was a large attendance of sympathizing friends, and the following acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. C. M. Roberts, T. C. Boulton, R. W. Turner, H. H. Barker, G. V. Cuppage and Major Wilson.

As mentioned a few days ago Dr. Mitchell passed away at the Jubilee hospital last week from the effects of pneumonia. He was a native of Quebec, but left there at an early age to attend college in the Old Country. He went through Guy's hospital and then to Edinburgh University. While at the latter city he established a reputation as a Rugby football player, being considered one of the finest full-back players in the British Isles. He went to South Africa as one of the representative teams of England. Dr. Mitchell came to British Columbia as ship's surgeon on the R. M. S. Tartar. Leaving this service he became interested in Atlin, and has since been engaged in mining operations.

Of the late Dr. Mitchell the Vancouver News-Advertiser says: "The deceased was largely interested in placer mining operations in Atlin, having gone up North with the early rush to that camp, and had many friends in both this city and Victoria, as he had usually come down from the north for the winter. Few of his friends were aware of his illness, and the news of his untimely death will come as a sudden shock. The late Dr. Mitchell was only about 36 or 37 years of age. He was one of the star players of Guy's hospital team, and was also an 'International,' in fact, he had frequently been styled the 'W. G. Grace' of the Rugby game."

DONATIONS ACKNOWLEDGED.

Friends Who Remembered W. C. T. U. Mission During Festive Season.

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These were in addition to the regular monthly subscriptions, and the committee wishes to heartily thank the donors.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Princess Victoria from Vancouver—S Ryan and wife, Capt and Mrs Bartlett, Mrs Johnson, P Zopeppa, W H Payne, F T Beard, M Kidd, J Hunter, Mrs Bailey, Jno Hendry, C B Sword, F W Amesbury, A B Erskine, F Carter Cotton, Mrs Stainton, J Tamboline, W L Fagan, W Angus, Wm McCraney, C J Cays, H A Stout, W Warren, Col Warren, Mrs Jardine, F O'Reilly, R Benson, F Hirsche, Mrs McGregor, A G McCandless, E E Billinghurst, F Salisbury, L Boyd, R E Magner, F D Dowling, W McMillan, E A Shepherd, S Barnside, A Fabler, W McKinnon, Dr Gribbell, W R Jackson, J S D Bastin, F Maitland Dougall and daughter, Mrs S A Baird, John Beasley, R Marpole, Mr and Mrs Hood, H J Cambie, C Gardiner Johnson, Mr Dudley, B W Greer, E J Coyle, Mr Kittemeister and wife.

Hamburg is to have a school for training servants. It is not intended to compete with existing schools which provide training in domestic science for girls of well-to-do families.

ITALIAN PRIMA DONNA SINGS HERE TO-NIGHT

A Sketch of Her Notable Career—The Platt-Fanning Company at the Redmond.

The career of Eugenia Mantelli, who appears at the Victoria to-night with her company, has been so universally successful that it might be thought to be devoid of interest. The reverse will be seen to be true, for it is a career honestly won by hard work as well as by splendid natural talent.

She is still a young woman and was born in Milan, of parents who were themselves great musicians; her father, Prof. Emilio Mantelli, is a noted teacher and the author of a celebrated and widely used method for the piano—her mother is a distinguished pianist. Under their fond tutelage her progress in music, the piano and violin, as well as the voice, was rapid. When she was scarcely in her teens little Eugenia entered the conservatory of Milan and studied the piano and the voice. She won the prize in both concours. When only 14 she made her debut in opera, singing the page in "Les Huguenots," and already her full contralto notes won admiration in the pretty song, "Nobile Signores." But Eugenia was not content to be a contralto—her voice was of great range, and she easily raised it to mezzo soprano, but she can still command both roles admirably.

At 16 she made the grand tour of Italy, singing in Milan, Rome, Naples, Venice, and her success was immediate and spontaneous. Now was her career fixed, and next we see her at Lisbon as the leading mezzo soprano of the San Carlo theatre.

Next she sang in South America, opening in Buenos Ayres, in "La Favorita." She quickly became the idol of the South Americans. On her return to Italy Maurice Grau took a special trip to hear her in Milan, with the result that he engaged her at a high salary for five years for the Metropolitan opera house, New York city. Her debut in New York was made in 1894 in "Aida"; and she subsequently sang Ortrud in "Lohengrin," with Jean De Reszke, and in all the other operas she was the great tenor's favorite opposite.

At the conclusion of the New York engagement she made a tour of the principal cities of Europe with Signor Tamangno, winning fresh laurels in Paris, Berlin, Vienna and St. Petersburg.

Three years ago she returned to Lisbon to sing in the San Carlo, where she had been so applauded as a girl. Her triumph in "Carmen" and the other operas of her long repertoire was enormous. At this visit she was decorated by the King of Portugal, and received a diploma signed by him.

Platt-Fanning Company.

Mr. Redmond has indeed found a good successor in the Platt-Fanning company which appeared at the Redmond theatre last night.

The play was "The Black Flag," and it can safely be said that it is one of the best bills that have been seen at the Redmond theatre for some time. The play is thrilling and full of scenes that please the lovers of the sensational. The leading parts were in the hands of Frank Fanning as the vagabond, Russell Reed as the villain, Moïse Campion as the heroine and Sydney Platt as the Jew. Miss Campion played the heroine Naimo, and showed herself to be a talented and pleasing actress. Miss Chandler scored a success in the role of Ned, the waif. Georgie Francis, as the mother, left nothing to be desired, and the other members of the cast showed that they have had careful training.

The play was well staged, and the climaxes first class, the company receiving many curtain calls.

If the Platt-Fanning company maintain this standard it is certain that they will achieve a great success during their engagement at the Redmond theatre.

For the last half of the week "Shall We Forgive Her?" will be the bill.

The Bioscope This Week.

Speaking of the bioscope entertainment which opens at the Victoria theatre on Wednesday, the Vancouver Province says:

"The attraction of the bioscope pictures filled the opera house to overflowing last night. A good entertainment and popular prices caught the crowd, and as the pictures have been favorably commented upon on all sides it is almost certain that the production will draw big houses till the close of the engagement on Saturday night.

"A noticeable feature of the attendance last night was the presence of several hundred Japanese. The little brown men, their wives and children, were scattered throughout the house. In explanation of the turnout one Japanese said that Port Arthur was not taken every day, and besides they all wished to see Kouropatkin demonstrate the proceedings preliminary to the dispatching one of that general's famous messages of 'regret to announce' to the White Father at St. Petersburg.

"Admiral Togo was on hand, and personally directed the tossing of a few sleep-disturbers into Port Arthur just to put the spectators in good humor.

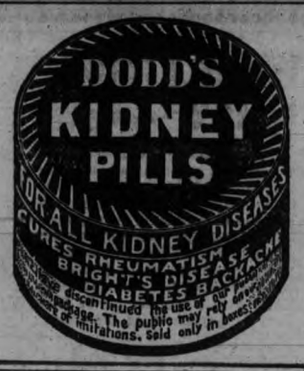
"There are funny pictures for the children, and many a laugh for every person of every age."

At the Grand.

A troupe of dusky sons and daughters of the desert furnished a dollar's worth of amusement for a dime at the Grand theatre on Johnson street last evening. Arabs are always noted for the variety and excellence of the entertainments they present, and Sheik Hadji Tahar's troupe, booked by Manager Jamieson as the headliners of this week's show, are not lacking either in picturesqueness of appearance or in ability to entertain. Unique in its character the work accomplished is little short of miraculous. The eight Bedouins commence their act with a prettily enacted bit of pantomine, illustrating an attack on an Arab encampment in the desert. There an Arab boy is placed in a large basket, through which one of the elders thrusts a sword in every conceivable direction, after which the lad emerges unhurt. This is followed by some remarkably clever gun spinning and a typical whirling Dervish dance. Then comes some of the most sensational acrobatic work ever seen on the boards of the Grand. The troupe excels in pyramid work, and some of its examples in this class of acrobatic are decidedly original. One feat in particular, that of a sturdy Arab supporting unaided the whole weight of seven members of the troupe on his brawny shoulders drew thunders of applause. These Arabs, who were one of the features of the St. Louis fair, are certainly a whole show in themselves.

Miss Cole Frances Bowers is a double voiced vocalist, who sings pleasing selections in both soprano and baritone; Clem Magee is a clever Irish comedian and clog dancer, who also does some good cartoon work; F. Roberts is singing this week the illustrated song "Please Come and Play in My Yard," and the moving pictures illustrate the robbing of a young lady by a negro; the chase after him and his capture and punishment.

The Grand was packed at both shows last night, and at one time an immense crowd was waiting a chance to gain admittance.



AWAITING DECISION.

Judgment Not Given in Application to Set Aside Decree of Probate in California.

Those interested in the Hopper vs. Dunsmuir will case are awaiting the announcement from San Francisco of the decision of Judge Coffey of the Superior Court of California in the application for the setting aside of the decree of ancillary probate. Judgment has been reserved by Judge Coffey, but may be given any day.

The San Francisco Chronicle in summing up the last day's proceedings in the Superior court says:

The James Dunsmuir interests contended on Wednesday that Alexander Dunsmuir, at the time of his death, was not domiciled in San Francisco. Yesterday they took the bull by the other horn and declared that it made no difference if he was.

"I have heard the startling proposition here announced that, for some inscrutable reason, the court of British Columbia had no jurisdiction," said Attorney Wheeler. "If it be true that only the court of the domicile may grant original probate, then many great properties, among them the Fair estate, have not been distributed according to law."

J. C. Campbell, who had been pacing restlessly up and down the further end of the courtroom, paused to remark that he had only said that the court of the domicile, when itsdid grant probate, must do it by virtue of its original and not ancillary jurisdiction. Wheeler retorted that the probate could not be attacked on motion in any case, and that the opponents should have proceeded by a bill in equity.

Great stress was laid by both sides upon the case of Goldtree against McAllister, Attorney Wheeler insisting that it was decided by the Supreme Court of California, upon grounds which sustained his reasoning in the case at bar. The opposing counsel strenuously questioned this view.

It was stated by the representatives of the beneficiary that a will could be proved in this country without the world outside knowing anything about it, but Judge Coffey interrupted to say that such was not the practice in his court, notwithstanding the impression which seemed to prevail that cases could be railroaded through.

After further argument, Counsel Wheeler said:

"If not for the purpose of facilitating the settlement of the estate, why did James Dunsmuir take this will to be probated in British Columbia?

"Why? For the purpose of avoiding the laws of the land under which Alexander Dunsmuir made his fortune," retorted Campbell. "James Dunsmuir was the man who walked off with the money. When did he become aware that Alexander Dunsmuir was only temporarily residing here? Why, when he found that the United States had a claim upon the estate under the collateral inheritance law. I sincerely hope for the sake of brother Wheeler that the effect of his argument has not been the same upon your honor as upon myself."

The attorneys for the other side travesty the statement that the will was taken to a foreign country to avoid the collateral inheritance tax, saying that the tax depends upon the amount of property in California, and not upon the place of probate.

According to the latest official statistics the numbers of the sexes in Holland are almost equal, women having a preponderance of only 1 per cent.

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BEGINS THE NEW YEAR'S BUSINESS

COUNCIL HELD FIRST SESSION LAST NIGHT

Ald. Douglas's Motion Respecting the Esquimalt Naval Station—Standing Committees Appointed.

Last evening the new city council got down to work, forming in semi-circular order before His Worship from left to right in the following manner: Aldermen Fullerton, Douglas, Hanna, Hall, Elford, Oddy, Fell, Stewart and Goodacre. The usual certificates from Mr. Justice Martin, showing the swearing in of the aldermen, were first read, after which a letter was read from the Mayor suggesting that the option on a lot between Melrose street and Victoria Arm be secured. This was agreed to, and His Worship next named the following standing committees:

Finance—Goodacre, Hall and Oddy.

Old Men's Home—Elford, Fell and Hall.

Electric Light—Hall, Fell and Elford.

Fire Wardens—Oddy, Fullerton and Stewart.

Park—Douglas, Hanna and Goodacre.

Cemetery—Fullerton, Douglas and Elford.

Waterworks Improvement—Stewart, Oddy and Hanna.

Legislation—Fell, Stewart and Fullerton.

Indian Reserve—Hanna, Douglas and Goodacre.

The clerk of the municipality of Toronto forwarded a copy of petition seeking an amendment to all charters granted telephone companies, so that the latter could not erect poles, etc., in any municipality without that municipality's consent.

Referred to streets, sewers and bridges committee for report.

A. J. Garesche called attention to the bad condition of a street consequent on certain tramway operations. Received and filed, the writer to be informed that the improvement wil be made at an early date.

Reginald Tait again directed the attention of the council to the need of a light on Front and other streets.

Ald. Fell thought it unnecessary to refer the communication to the electric light committee, as that committee could do nothing under the circumstances. Tabled.

H. J. Miller made application to supply the police station with meals at 45 cents a day, or at 15 cents a meal. Referred to the police commissioners.

The secretary of the Tourist Association wrote laying before the council the request made to the council of 1904, namely, that no foreshore rights be granted above Point Ellice bridge. Received and filed.

James Barton applied for the position of janitor for the new city library.

A number of applications were also received for the position of assistant librarian.

Ald. Fell moved that all applicants be informed that the applications would be duly advertised for, and that the writers should then renew them. The motion carried.

The city returning officer presented his usual report on the returns of the recent municipal elections, also on the result of the voting on the by-laws providing for a new home for the aged and infirm, and for the extension of Douglas street.

The water commissioner reported that A. Sheritt had fulfilled his contract with the city in regard to furnishing certain supplies. Referred to the finance committee, with power to act.

Harold B. Robinson and other residents of south Rockland avenue petitioned for a light, and also for the repair of that street and St. Charles street.

The part of the letter asking for a light was referred to the electric light committee and the other part to the streets committee.

The finance committee recommended the payment of $2,921 out of the revenue of the present year. Carried.

Ald. Douglas's motion that the council memorialize the Dominion government to urge upon the Imperial authorities the advisability of maintaining the Esquimalt naval station in its former status, carried.

Ald. Oddy's motion to introduce a by-law to be known as the Annual Loan By-law, 1905, was carried, after which the meeting adjourned.

No pictorial theatre posters are to be posted in Oldham, England, in future, without first being submitted to a censorship appointed by the local watch committee.

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The Tourist Association of Victoria, B. C.

Notice of Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Tourist Association of Victoria, B. C., will be held at the City Hall on Thursday, Jan. 19th, at 8 p. m., for the purpose of receiving the annual report of the executive and electing officers of the coming year, etc.

The reading of the annual report will be illustrated by lantern slides in order to give subscribers a more adequate idea of the work done by the Association. All subscribers are particularly requested to be present. Ladies and friends are also invited.

Yours faithfully,
G. H. BARNARD, Mayor, President.
HERBERT CUTHBERT, Secretary.
Jan. 7th, 1905.

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OUR UNAPPRECIATED ASSETS.

The development of the turbine wheel as a means of transferring energy from natural sources to the service of man has been the most notable of the scientific achievements of the past year. It is of course known to men of science, but not so generally understood by the public, that the principle of the turbine has been applied to water power for years. The application of steam to the same style of motor has been widely advertised as one of the great achievements of the times, and hence the public has been strongly interested in the practical progress of the invention. The history of the development of the latest engineering marvel is of special interest to Canadians because Canada possesses greater water power than any other country on earth, and because she is destined to become one of the greatest of maritime nations. It is therefore eminently fitting that in this land there should be installed the most ponderous hydraulic engine yet constructed and that ocean steamships of a Canadian line should be fitted with the first steam turbines. The popular idea is that the harnessing of the waters of the renowned Niagara river is one of the greatest feats ever performed by man. But there is another river in Canada from which more potential energy is about to be extracted than Niagara contributes. Shawinigan Falls, in the province of Quebec, is the centre from which the largest amount of energy radiates. In a recent number the Scientific American refers in suitable terms to the magnitude of the power of Shawinigan and the wonderful machinery through which it is developed or utilized. At present three penstocks are in position, carrying water to as many turbine wheels in the power house on the shore of the lower lake. Each penstock supplies a 6,000 horse-power, horizontal-shaft turbine, direct-connected to a 3,750-kilowatt revolving-field generator, giving a quarter-phase 2,200-volt 30-cycle current. The wheels run at 180 revolutions per minute, and provision is made for a 2½ per cent. loss in the generators and a 15 per cent. overload. At the present time the capacity of the station is being enlarged by the addition of a fourth turbine, which is now being installed by the I. P. Morris Company, of Philadelphia. This turbine is the largest which has ever been constructed. It has a capacity of 10,500 horse-power. The water enters the turbine through the intake, 10 feet in diameter. The dimensions of this vast machine are impressive. It is 30 feet from base to top; 22 feet wide over all, and 27 feet from center to center of the two shaft bearings. Its total weight is 364,000 pounds. The shaft, which is of forged steel, is solid and weighs 10 tons. It is 32 feet 3½ inches long, 22 inches in diameter at the centre, and tapers to 16 inches on the generator side and 10 inches diameter on the other side. The runner or wheel, which is the rotating part of the turbine, is of bronze, and weighs five tons. The quantity of water used when the turbine is operating under full load is enormous, no less than 400,000 gallons passing through per minute. Just what this figure amounts to will be understood when we state that it represents a river 100 feet wide, 9 feet deep, and flowing at the rate of 60 feet per minute. In spite of its size, this huge machine was built in no less than five months, the contract being signed May 19th, 1904. The present output of power from the Shawinigan station is 22,500 horse-power, and of this about 10,000 horse-power is transmitted 84 miles over long-distance lines to the city of Montreal, where it is used for street railway, electric lighting and general power purposes. The remainder is taken by local users for similar purposes and for electrolytic processes. The current is stepped up at Shawinigan from 2,200-volt quarter-phase to 50,000-volt three-phase. The transformers were so designed that they may, if desired, be operated at 56,000 volts pressure. It is a fact worth noting that the wilderness of five years ago in the neighborhood of the falls has been transformed into the substantial city of 5,000 inhabitants. The world of to-day is just beginning to realise the potential value of water power. How many possible centres of great industries are there distributed throughout British Columbia?

PEERLESS JOHN.

The triumph of John Houston in the city of Nelson may be set down as one of the most notable features of the late municipal campaign in British Columbia. John's opponents in the provincial government and in other quarters a few months ago thought they had him down and all but out. Referee McBride stood by watch in hand counting the seconds. Before he could say ten the redoubtable gladiator from Nelson was on his feet announcing his determination to stay in the ring against all comers. And he stayed. He re-established his paper for the third or fourth time, he appeared in the municipal arena for the purpose of convincing his enemies that he still possessed a spark or two of the old-time vitality, and he defeated a popular opponent by a small majority. Now John is the head of the municipality as well as provincial representative of the riding of Nelson. He lives politically to give expression to his original views in the old incisive style. Mr. Houston's colleagues in journalistic tribulation in all parts of the province have watched his course with sympathy and rejoice with him in his triumphs irrespective of the party virus that dilutes the blood in their veins. Furthermore we opine that the latest news from the scene of John's many victories will cause just a tinge of envy to mingle with a brotherly sense of satisfaction. Most of us would be pleased with the gift of a seat in the legislature as an expression of appreciation of our efforts in the public behalf. To add the honors and emoluments of a mayoralty to the benefaction would surely be considered as a crowning blessing from the gods. The hero of Nelson has been favored to the foregoing extent and more also. His friends in meeting assembled have presented him with five hundred dollars in gold, which will be duly appreciated, not necessarily on account of its intrinsic value—editors have been educated and elevated up to the point from which such trifles can be viewed from their true perspective, we trust—but because of the feelings which prompted its bestowal. We are satisfied that that five hundred will go the way of many thousands—into the newspaper business—and it will stay there. We say for the benefit of the unsophisticated who may feel impelled to emulate the career of John Houston as an easy path to the legislature, to mayoralties and to five hundred dollar purses, that money sunk in newspapers seldom comes to the surface again. For proof of which overhaul the files of numerous dead journals.

But we have a charge to prefer against the indomitable and unconquerable hero of British Columbia politics and journalism. We observe that in acknowledging in his usually and characteristically graceful fashion the trifle of five hundred dollars in gold, John admitted that he had previously been called to the bar and laden with gifts. The aforesaid benefactions, it is admitted, took the forms of "plug" hat and walking cane. What we want to know—and we believe all British Columbia will join us in insisting upon the dissemination of the truth—is what has become of that silk tile and that staff. No one in this neighborhood has ever beheld them. We are willing to concede the point that may be urged in extenuation of their never having appeared in public upon state occasions, that Mr. Houston as a plain, practical man, objects to purely ornamental personal appendages, that as a man far above petty vanities his head has always been capable of being adjusted comfortably within his soft No. 8, and that the necessity for the assistance of a staff as a guide to his decisive footsteps hath not yet appeared. But even an intensely democratic public character should make some trifling concessions to the weaknesses of his admirers. If that "plug" be not in evidence at the opening of the coming session of the legislature we shall be compelled to admit that the "doyen" and the most highly favored of the journalistic profession in British Columbia is lacking in some of the qualities indispensable to a statesman.

Previous governments of British Columbia were warned when they were recklessly plunging into debt and distributing provincial assets with prodigal hand that a day of reckoning would come. It has come, with the annual charges upon debt amounting to as much as the total expenditure should be. The government of the day sees no way out of the dilemma except by "taxing a dollar's worth wherever it sees it." Industry is to be encumbered with such burdens as must eventually drive it to other provinces. Population is to be subjected to the same treatment. This is to go on until the Dominion, which set us going free from debt and with more abundant taxable resources than any other province, sees fit to come to the assistance of the spendthrift and shoulders its obligations. It is consoling to think that we have a paternal government to depend upon. It is also satisfactory to note that opposition to the claims of other provinces asking for more favorable terms has been withdrawn. A short time ago we were told that if others were given larger subsidies the relative positions would remain the same as now, and that we could only accomplish our purposes by opposing increased grants to Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, etc. The advocates of the cause of the McBride government are evidently as imbecile as its course in regard to assessment and taxation indicates it to be.

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The American revivalists have evidently just taken Great Britain in time. A prophet has arisen who says London will in the immediate future be "wiped out by the finger of God." He says "an Apollyon estate has for its metropolis London in England; that city is the great head and centre of British Israel. Israel's title deeds to the British estates are found to be the title deeds of Apollyon written with robbery and murder, sealed with London's seal, the dragon. To these title deeds the Almighty takes exception," and London must go the way of Sodom and Gomorrah.

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SECULAR EDUCATION.

To the Editor:—I trust you can find space to reproduce in your wide-spread columns the enclosed cutting from your London contemporary (the Times) of 30th ult. The letter deals with a subject of intense interest to many of your readers. It does not open up the question of religious education in our schools so much as that of the necessity for religious education on week days, if our young British Columbians are to hold the highest conceptions of the duties of citizenships. We all desire them to be fully equipped to tackle the problems of life, but at present withhold facilities for their education in a line which will be of the most practical use.

LINDLEY CREASE.

Jan. 16th, 1905.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

Sir:—It seems that there is a fairly large section of the people of England who think that the best solution to the education difficulties is to be found in a purely secular education system. As such a system has been in vogue for 27 years in New Zealand, it is possible to get a pretty good idea of the effect on a nation. Being in a position which gives me a thorough knowledge of the working of the system in New Zealand, I ask you to allow me to say something about it. I have worked as a parish clergyman for upwards of ten years in the diocese of Wellington. For nine years I have been, as a citizen, closely connected with primary education, having been chairman of the school committee of the district during the whole of the period, and latterly also of the secondary school committee as well. My position has brought me into close relations with the teachers and given me an intimate knowledge of the schools. In New Zealand the system is absolutely secular, but the clergy are allowed to hold classes out of school hours. For ten years I have, in ten schools in all, taken advantage of these so-called "facilities," so that I have come into contact with many of the children of various denominations in connection with the day schools, as well as with those attending my own Sunday schools. Consequently I think I have some grounds for believing that I know my subject well.

I say plainly and positively that a purely secular system of education is nothing else than a national disaster. Nearly all Christian workers, clerical and lay, church and nonconformist, in New Zealand are agreed on this. In support of this I would say that my own experience is that children are, as a rule, deplorably ignorant of Biblical facts. There is in most an absolute ignorance of that on which we base our religious, moral, or doctrinal teaching. Did space allow, I could give you startling proof of this ignorance.

The general effect is, if anything, worse. There is no basis for moral training; there is no appeal; the school training has for its object (so far as the children can see) material advantage only; duty, morality, principle, etc., depend for their enforcement on the personal power of the teacher, and nothing else. But beyond all this is the influence on the character of the young of the belief that those who are responsible for their training in all that is requisite to equip them for life see no need for religion, and, in fact, studiously and purposely keep it out of that training as a thing positively harmful. You may imagine the effect of which we in New Zealand are only too certain. Religion is looked upon as quite an extra—an appendage to life, of no vital importance, and depending for its claim upon the personality of individual clergy. Of course, there are many and notable exceptions, but this is, speaking generally, true of the young who have been trained in our primary schools; and, if it is so now, after one generation has been so trained, what will be its effect on the children of this generation?

Theorists in England deny that this will be the result. I do not theorize, but state positively that where it has been tried it is the result. It is merely a question of fact. It is said that Sunday schools will do all that is necessary. Our experience is that the Sunday school is quite inadequate. In England people do not realize what a help to the teaching of the Sunday school the knowledge—small it may be, but still something—of the leading facts of our faith really is. In our case the time we ought to give to doctrinal and moral teaching is mainly devoted to laying the foundation, which in England is done in the day school. I hope these facts may be of value in helping some of your readers to form a right judgment in this matter.

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In Austria a few years ago a complete hospital was built and was made ready to receive patients within an hour, a feat which seems almost impossible even when we know that all the component parts of the building were at hand.

It was in Austria, too, that the seemingly miraculous task of converting trees into newspapers within 2½ hours was accomplished.

Some years ago a publishing house in the Western States received an order to produce 2,000 copies of a work of 350 pages, bound in cloth, in three days. The work began on Monday, and on Wednesday afternoon the 2,000 volumes were handed over, while before Saturday no fewer than 10,000 had been turned out.

New York claims a publishing performance even more astonishing than this. An advance copy of one of Zola's works had been secured in Paris by the agent of the American firm, who posted it to New York. On its arrival it was translated into English, put into type, printed and bound and was actually on sale within 24 hours.

Not long ago an English boot factory turned out a pair of men's shoes in the amazingly short space of time of twenty minutes. The shoes included, among other parts, two sewed pieces, two inner soles, two stiffenings, two pieces of steel to give a spring to the instep, two rands, two sole linings, 12 heel pieces, 20 upper pieces, 30 tacks, 12 nails in the heels and 20 buttons.

The new bridge for the Great Northern Railway at Finsbury Park was substituted for the old one in the short space of four hours. A feat still more surprising was that of substituting a new bridge for the old one near Hatfield. Within 52 minutes the old structure, with its four lines of rails, had disappeared, and in its place was a new iron girder bridge, carrying six lines of rails, all ready for traffic.

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Of course, by enlarging the police force to proportions hitherto unheard of, all crimes, great and small, could be detected by it, and private corporations for suppression of crime could be done away with. But by enlarging the eleemosynary and charitable institutions of the state indefinitely, we could likewise dispense with the private corporations engaged in this class of work. This, however, would be an unfortunate result, because the force of public opinion, which every prosecutor knows is essential to the proper enforcement of laws, is kept continually aroused by the presence of private citizens charging themselves with the duties of enforcing the laws. Private corporations of this nature in the city of New York reach into every walk of life, and cause the public to maintain an interest in the laws they enforce that could not be maintained were the public authorities alone to take the initiative. In the one case the people are participants, and in the other mere spectators. Again, the members of these societies, knowing personally the agents and attorneys engaged in the work, will in confidence divulge information and assist them in fighting criminals to an extent far greater than they would in the case of the public authorities. In a sense, the system makes every member of these societies a special policeman, who, by reason of the pride he takes in the work of his society, will make efforts that he would never think of making if he were not a part of the work. To borrow an expression from the world of sport, it is the effectiveness of team work as opposed to the ineffectiveness of every man working for himself. There is another advantage in the work of these societies that cannot be overlooked. One of the axioms of modern life is that this is a day of specialists. It is not a day where the specialist in good work exists, but a day in which the specialist in crime becomes most dangerous. A detective in the police department may be called one day to ferret out a murder, the next day to discover who set fire to a building, and so on, through the field of crime. The agent or detective of the private society, however, confines his energies to one distinct class of criminals. He learns their methods accurately, knows all their haunts, and more than this, by long experience knows just what evidence the court will require to convict the criminal who is violating the law this society is especially charged with enforcing. In other words, the agent of the private society soon becomes an expert specialist in the detection of crime to a degree which the detective of the regular police department can rarely attain.—Champe S. Andrews in the Forum.

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—Dividends.—In another column will be found the semi-annual dividend notice of the B. C. Permanent Loan & Savings Company, showing that a dividend at the rate of nine per cent. per annum upon class "A" permanent stock has been declared for the past half year.*

—The special services being held in the Metropolitan Methodist church continue to grow in interest. A large number attended the meeting last night, and the concensus of opinion at its close was "The best yet." The musical service was bright, the Sunday school orchestra being out in full force, while Mr. Hicks contributed to its interest by singing an appropriate hymn. Conversions are taking place at each service, and the pastor and members are looking for a large number during the meetings this week. To-night the choir will be in attendance, and will render special numbers during the service.

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—A meeting of the directors of the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital will be held at the board of trade building on Thursday evening, commencing at 8 o'clock.

—Last evening the death occurred of Capt. Geo. W. Murray at his residence, 42 First street. Deceased had been a victim of partial paralysis for some months. He was a native of Nova Scotia and 68 years of age. He had been a resident of Victoria for two years, and leaves a widow and three sons to mourn his loss. The funeral is arranged to take place to-morrow afternoon.

—The funeral of the late John W. Gillivary took place this morning at 8.45 a.m. from Hayward's undertaking parlors, and at 9 o'clock from the Roman Catholic cathedral, where solemn requem mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Fisser, who also conducted the funeral service. The following acted as pallbearers: W. Davidson, G. T. Kane, P. Decarterate and S. C. Carroll.

—The Victoria Fruit Growers' Association and Exchange will hold its annual meeting at the government buildings on Friday of this week, at 10.30 in the forenoon. The present office holders are T. A. Bryden, president; A. Stewart, vice-president, and W. E. Grant, secretary-treasurer. The association has been organized for about a year now, and the benefits derived have been considered very satisfactory. At the meeting a report will be received from a company which has been looking into the question of establishing a canning and preserving factory for utilizing the surplus supply.

—An interesting family reunion in celebration of the 52nd anniversary of his arrival here on the ship Norman Morrison was held at the home of Richard Caselton, 12 First street, last evening. All members of the family and a number of friends were on hand and spent a very enjoyable evening. Comparatively few remain of that company of pioneers who came from England on the good ship Norman Morrison. Over a hundred arrived, but of those still living they could be counted almost on the fingers of both hands. James Porter, whose death has just occurred, was one of the number.

—A social gathering will be held in Calvary Baptist church to-night in connection with the reopening of the school room. Some little time ago the management of the church decided upon extensive repairs to the church building, and also upon renovating the interior of the school room, parlor and pastor's study. The interior of these rooms now presents a very inviting appearance, and to-night they are to be thrown open to the members and friends of the church. A brief programme of musical selections and an address on "Uncle Remus," by the pastor, Rev. J. F. Vichert, will be given, after which refreshments will be served. The public is very cordially invited. *

BOWSPRIT, ALSO A MAST AND RIGGING

HAS BEEN FOUND ON THE ISLAND COAST

Indians Disinclined to Go Out Sealing Before Season Opens in Behring Sea.

"It is evident that the recent storms of the latter part of December have added another victim to the already long list of disasters that have befallen craft sailing in the North Pacific waters during the winter season," writes a Times correspondent from the north under date of January 2nd.

"On the beach about a mile west of Friendly Cove there lies a black painted bowsprit with considerable carving, finished with gold-leaf, but nothing else in the way of marks by which she could be identified.

"The bowsprit in question is in a good state of preservation, and does not show any signs of being in the water long.

"Farther along the beach there is a broken mast with part of the rigging attached, and considerable other wreckage.

"Perhaps this may throw some light on the name of the vessel that has met mishap."

It takes time for the identity of a wreck to be learned, and it may take months to learn from whence came all the wreckage alluded to in the above and found on the coast between Carmanah and Clo'oose, as reported in this paper a few weeks ago. All appear to have been examined, but no clue has been found giving the name of the unfortunate craft.

INDIANS HARD TO GET.

From reports received from the West Coast on the steamer Queen City last evening, it would appear evident that not many of the Indians will this year be going sealing before the season opens in Behring Sea.

Four captains who have been down the coast endeavoring to engage the natives for spring cruises returned on the steamer, having been unsuccessful in their quest. The natives are of the impression that they can make more money by remaining at home, the poor luck which many had at the beginning of last year being a deterrent in the matter. Consequently there is a prospect that there will be few schooners carrying Indian hunters operated before fall. The industry conducted down the coast will, therefore, be carried on chiefly by white hunters, one vessel, the first to leave, having sailed already. This is the Casco. She sailed on Sunday with a full white crew, and immediately proceeded down the coast to where the seals will be met in their migration north. Others, including the Carlotta G. Cox and Diana, are preparing to sail, but may not get away before next week.

ALASKA STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

A meeting of representatives of the White Pass Yukon Railway and Alaska Steamship Association, to which the various steamship companies operating to Lynn canal belong, will be held at Seattle on Tuesday to arrange for next season's freight and passenger rates. It is probable that slight, if any, changes will be made in the rates prevailing during the past season. E. J. Coyle, general passenger agent, and B. W. Greer, general freight agent, and other C. P. R. representatives from Vancouver, are in the city to-day, and will leave for Seattle to-night to attend the meeting.

BROUGHT ORE FROM COAST.

About forty passengers arrived from West Coast ports on the steamer Queen City last evening. The vessel had been as far as Quatsino on the trip and brought back from Uchucklesett 40 tons of ore, which was taken to the Ladysmith smelter. She left with a scow in tow this morning, and on her return will bring back the latter filled with coal.

CAPT. BARKLEY HERE.

Capt. Barkley, superintendent of the de Wolf Steamship Company, of Liverpool, reached Victoria on Saturday night to look after the interests of the company in this city. Two of the company's ships are in port, namely, the Haddon Hall and the Penthesilea, the former of which is in need of repairs. Captain Barkley is staying at the Vernon.

MARINE NOTES.

R. M. S. Miowera, which is scheduled to arrive to-morrow, will not be due for three days yet. She left Honolulu for Victoria two days late.

Steamer Maude is still looking for the big anchor lost from the steamer Minnesota in the Straits.

The wooden ship Nordstjernen is en route to the Royal Roads from Acapulco.

NOT SUCCESSFUL.

Local Tenders for New C. P. R. Hotel Too High—Inspection of the Boundary Lines.

R. Marpole, superintendent of the Pacific division of the C. P. R., is among the officials of that road in the city to-day. He reports that all the tenders for the construction of the new C. P. R. hotel in this city have been forwarded on to Montreal for final decision. They included two local tenders from Messrs. Smith & Sherbourne and F. J. Mesher, whose bids for the work are said to be so high as to leave them out of all prospect of getting the contract.

Mr. Marpole and party have just returned from a trip in the interior. The party included J. H. Cambie, consulting engineer of the Pacific division; C. E. Cartwright, divisional engineer; and Capt. Troup, superintendent of Coast steamers. The last named returned to Victoria on Saturday evening. The trip was made on board Mr. Marpole's private car, No. 15.

Asked regarding his tour, Mr. Marpole is quoted by the Vancouver Province as saying:

"We were merely on a periodical inspection trip over the lines in the Boundary country, with a view to ascertaining traffic conditions there during the winter time. We found everything generally satisfactory throughout that district, the only drawback noticed during our visit being the shortage of water caused by the extreme cold weather, which was imposing a severe handship on some of the leading mining companies. Yes, it was pretty cold—twenty-two below zero, when we were at Phoenix. The shortage of water was naturally curtailing the output of some of the mining and smelting companies. The Granby had shut down all but two furnaces. The Cascade Power Company is seriously hampered in its operations and a number of other companies are almost at a standstill. But otherwise everything was in a promising condition, and the outlook for the season is exceedingly bright."

IN TROUBLE AT 'FRISCO.

Thos. Dougherty, Believed to Be Former Victorian, in Jail There.

A man named Thomas Dougherty, believed to be a former resident of Victoria, is in jail in San Francisco on the charge of shooting one Frank Tiernan, a teamster. In its account of the matter, the Chronicle says:

"Frank Tiernan, a teamster, is lying at the Central Emergency hospital with a bullet hole in his back, and the surgeons say that his chance of life is slim. Thomas Dougherty, formerly a sailor and latterly a peddler, is under arrest for the shooting, which he frankly admits, stating that he would do the same thing again under like circumstances.

"Florence Whitehead, Dougherty's stepdaughter, 14 years of age, is the cause of the shooting. Tiernan says that he loved the girl, that she returned his affections and that they were soon to be married. Dougherty declares that the girl had been wronged by the teamster, and that she had declared to her mother that she had no use for him and only continued to go with him because she feared he might do her some harm. She was employed in a Second street bake shop.

"Dougherty went to sea last April, and returned again in September to his home at 353½ Minna street. He says that before going he warned the girl to break off her acquaintance with Tiernan. Tiernan did not call while Dougherty was home, but as soon as he had gone to sea he went again to the Minna street house. Then he was sent away to the county jail for a term, having been arrested for larceny. He was released on Monday, and, according to Dougherty, took the girl away with him.

"Tiernan went to Dougherty's home, and, according to the story of the prisoner, told Mrs. Dougherty that he would 'fix him' as soon as he saw him. When Dougherty heard this story he armed himself, determined to take the initiative, as the teamster is a man of great strength and stature. An acquaintance told him that he would find the man he was looking for in a saloon at the northeast corner of Fourth and Bryant streets. Dougherty found Tiernan drinking there and shot him in the back. Then he ran out. At the hospital Dr. Carl Wilson found that the bullet had penetrated a lung and touched the spinal cord. Tiernan will probably die. He is the man who was captured by twelve-year-old Marcella Tully when he entered her mother's home on Ritch street several months ago and took a pocketbook belonging to her.

"Dougherty was arrested at his home by Policemen Clay and Dowd, of the southern station."

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To-morrow evening a meeting of those interested in the organization of a collie club will be held at the Driard hotel, Proprietor Harrison having kindly promised accommodation for that purpose. A large attendance is anticipated.

CHESS.

Y. M. C. A. GAMES.

Appended are the results to date in the Y. M. C. A. tournament:

	Won.	Lost.
J. Brown	6	0
G. Ulrich	5	0
W. Scowcroft	3	2
W. Ferguson	2	2
G. G. Fraser	1	4
F. E. Clement	2	3
H. Moore	1	2
W. B. Fisher	2	3

HANDBALL.

J. B. A. A. TOURNEY.

The J. B. A. A. New Year's tournament commenced last evening at the club gymnasium. There are about the same number of entries as in the last tournament, which was won by Messrs. Pettingell and Hart. This will decide the championship of the association, and an appropriation has been granted by the management committee to purchase trophies for the winners. The victorious team will be entitled to the J. B. A. A. championship for 1905.

COMMENCES TO-NIGHT.

The Fernwood handicap tournament commences this evening at the F. Y. M. A. hall. It will start at 7 o'clock sharp and all participating are requested to be present.

HOCKEY.

VICTORIA v. VANCOUVER.

A return match will be played between Victoria and Vancouver at Brockton Point on Saturday. This game should be closely contested as the Terminal City eleven will have the advantage of playing on their own grounds. The Victorians, however, have been training, and may be depended upon to give a good account of themselves.

At Oak Bay on Saturday, the 28th inst., a league game is to be played between the Victoria and R. E. teams.

ARRIVE SATURDAY.

A communication has been received by H. G. Dalby, secretary of the Victoria club, from Duncans announcing that the latter team will arrive here next Saturday for the purpose of playing a match with the second eleven of Victoria.

PRACTICE THURSDAY.

Members of the senior and intermediate teams are asked to attend practice on Thursday between 4 and 5.30 o'clock at Oak Bay. This is in preparation for the forthcoming league matches, and every player is expected to attend.

THE RING.

CONTEST TO-NIGHT.

A match will take place to-night at the Edison theatre between Prof. Hornbuckle, of Vancouver, and Gr. McNamee, R. G. A. It is for ten rounds, the former having undertaken to stop his opponent in that time. If he fails in this the referee will be called upon to give a decision, as, according to the agreement, the contest cannot be awarded a draw. Both are extremely confident of winning, so that the bout should be exciting.

As a preliminary a six-round match has been arranged between D. S. Desbrisay, of the James Bay Athletic Association, and Sergt. Dunn, R. G. A. This will commence at 8 o'clock and the principal match will start immediately after. All who wish to see first-class exhibitions of the manly art should not fail to attend to-night's tournament.

MATCH ARRANGED.

It is announced that a 20-round match has been arranged by the Savoy management between Kid Smith, of Seattle, and Co'lie Hill, of Victoria. The contest takes place on the evening of the 26th inst. Smith is expected to arrive from the Sound to-morrow afternoon accompanied by his trainer.

BILLIARDS.

THREE GAMES.

The Driard tournament is proceeding apace. Three games were played last evening and each was witnessed by a crowd of interested spectators. H. Walton (scratch) defeated W. R. Wagland (scratch) by a score of 300 to 288 points. H. Howson (scratch) was successful in defeating W. P. Allen (rec. 50), the score being 300 to 231 points. The third match was between T. Geiger (rec. 75) and Q. D. H. Warden (rec. 40). The former won out, the score being 300 to 203 points. To-night's games will be between Goodwin and Davies, Anderton and Dicker, and Geiger and Ellis.

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FERNWOOD v. CLOVERDALE.

Last evening two games were played between the Fernwood and Cloverdale teams at the F. Y. M. A. hall. The intermediate match was won by the Cloverdales by a score of 22 to 10 points, while the junior game went to the Fernwoods, the score being 18 to 7 points. Mr. Shotbolt gave satisfaction as referee.

LAST NIGHT'S MATCHES.

Two interesting games were played between the J. B. A. A. and Y. M. C. A. teams last evening at the Young Men's Christian Association annex hall, corner of Broad and Pandora streets. The James Bay juniors won with comparative ease, the score being 18-10, but the intermediate match was a struggle throughout. It was won by the J. B. A. A. five, the margin being two points, and the score 12 to 10. There was a slow period throughout, the boys always maintaining the same pace and the result being uncertain until Referee Lorimer brought the game to a conclusion just after the Bays had made the two points which gave them the lead.

As usual, the junior match was first called. From the beginning it was apparent the J. B. A. A. players had the advantage. Their combination was superior and their shooting more accurate than the Y. M. C. A. five. The latter, however, played pluckily, in spite of the fact that the scoring went against them from the start. For the James Bays, Sargison was probably the most conspicuous, while Briggs also did good work. On the Y. M. C. A. team, Messrs. Somers and Nute were most noticeable. They played steadily and did much towards holding their opponents down, especially in the second half. In this connection it might be mentioned that the James Bays won the game in the initial period, the Y. M. C. A. players holding the victors determinedly towards the last.

It was the intermediate game, however, that roused the enthusiasm of all present. At first the play on both sides was far from clean, resembling to a great extent the exhibition put up by the James Bay and Victoria West senior teams last Saturday. But Referee Lorimer managed to hold them in check by judicious use of the whistle, and before long the opposing teams were putting up as neat a combination as anyone could desire. This does not mean that the checking was relaxed. It was still as hard as during the first few minutes, but the pace was faster, every player endeavoring to make a chance to shoot, not waiting for the opportunity, as many are inclined to do. The score mounted slowly and there wasn't any material difference at any time. Just before half time the James Bays seemed to have a streak of luck, and placed the ball in the basket twice in succession. Therefore they were four points in the lead when half time was announced.

Shortly after the game was resumed the Y. M. C. A. forwards brought the score even. Then the excitement of the spectators showed itself and each team was encouraged to greater efforts. Naturally the pace increased and play became rougher as the players, throwing discretion aside, went into the game with the determination to win. Many thought a tie would be the final result and that the teams would have to play off to decide the question of superiority. This, however, proved unnecessary as the Bays managed to score from the field at the last minute, thus winning by a score of 12 to 10 points, as already mentioned.

Referring to individual players, it is only right that T. Peden, the indefatigable J. B. A. A. forward, should receive special mention. It is no exaggeration to style him a veritable whirlwind. Although closely checked, his speed and staying powers enabled him to evade all opponents and do most of the scoring for the James Bay team. Robinson, the other James Bay forward, also worked hard, while Messrs. Thrall and Gray, at guard, played a steady reliable game. At centre Stanley Porter was somewhat off-color, but he filled his position very creditably.

As for the Y. M. C. A., Matthews was the most prominent, while Gawley, at centre, played his position splendidly. The remainder of the five must be commended on the plucky contest against a heavier and more experienced team.

The construction of a deep aqueduct tunnel from the Catskill mountains to New York city, a distance of 97 miles, to deliver three hundred million gallons of water daily in New York city, has been recommended to Mayor McClellan by a special water commission. It was estimated that it would cost $50,000 a mile to dig the tunnel, and that the total cost of the proposed additions to the city's water supply would amount to $91,000,000.

ALCOHOL AS FOOD.

One and a Half Fluid Ounces a Day Allowed by the Authorities.

It has now been established by several well known classical researches that up to a point alcohol is a food and past that point it is a poison. To draw a sharp line of demarcation which shall define for all persons when its action as a food exactly ceases and when its effect as a poison exactly begins is barely possible. The tissues of different individuals differ greatly in regard to their oxidizing capacity, and it is a matter of common observation that there are persons who can tolerate more alcohol than others without apparent injury to health. Again, occupation and environment very materially affect the powers of the body to assimilate alcohol. Thus men who pursue an active life in the open air are able to indulge in alcohol more freely than are those who are engaged in sedentary occupations.

It is all a question of functional activity, of the condition of the tissue to oxidize the combustible material presented to it. It has been conjectured that the oxidizing power of the tissues, over alcohol in particular, must have steadily diminished since the time when our ancestors drank their three bottles of port with impunity. Such a performance at any rate is seldom heard of nowadays. The quantity of alcohol imbibed in such an exploit must obviously be greatly in excess of the limit of the body's oxidizing capacity, as deduced from scientific experiments.

One and a half fluid ounces of pure alcohol is the utmost quantity that can be completely utilized as food in the human body per diem, according to experimental observation. A quantity ingested additional to that amount therefore may escape oxidation, incomplete products of combustion, so to speak, may be formed and toxic effects ensue. It is therefore interesting to consider what amounts of the ordinary alcoholic drinks contain this permissible allowance—say, one and a half fluid ounces—which is assumed to be the extreme limit of the oxidizing power of the body.

Taking brandy and whiskey to contain 50 per cent. by volume of alcohol, three fluid ounces or six tablespoonfuls of these spirits would contain the maximum allowable daily dose. This would be the equivalent of about two glasses of brandy or whiskey and water per diem, each containing three tablespoonfuls of spirit and a half pint of water, to exceed which would be to risk a toxic result. Port and sherry, with their average of 20 per cent. of alcohol, would contain the permissible amount of alcohol in seven ounces, or a little over two wine-glassfuls, assuming each to contain about three fluid ounces. The limited quantity of white wines, claret or champagne, with 10 per cent. of alcohol, would be 15 fluid ounces, while one and a half fluid ounces of alcohol represent about 30 fluid ounces or a pint and a half of table beer.

The question is, however, complicated in the case of wines and beer, because these contain nutritive matters in addition. Apart from the fact that to avoid injury to health the amount of alcohol consumed per diem should be limited strictly to one and a half fluid ounces, it cannot be regarded for practical purposes as a food in the sense of a true reparative. It is at best a producer of heat and energy, and then frequently at the expense of healthy cellular activity, while its cost from the point of view of actual food value has been calculated to be eight times more than that of bread.—Lancet.

LITERATURE OF CENTURY.

Contemporaneous Conditions Affect It as Do Hereditary.

Professor Brander Matthews, of Columbia University, in a very interesting article, discusses "Literature in the New Century." He points out that, in so far as literature is an honest attempt to express life, the problems of literature are not often merely literary, but that they must have an intimate relation to the problems which confront us insistently in life. In forecasting the course of literature in the new century, therefore, it is necessary to keep in mind the influences which the nineteenth century has passed on as a heritage to the twentieth. We must seize the significance of the striking advance in scientific method and of the widespread acceptance of the scientific attitude; we must recognize the meaning of the modern extension of the democratic movement, and the importance of the recent intensifying of the national spirit, and of the sharpening of racial pride; and we must take account also of the growth of what must be called "cosmopolitanism," that breaking down of the hostile barriers which keep one people apart from the others, ignorant of them and often contemptuous.

As to the influence of the scientific spirit on the critic, Professor Matthews says:

"The attitude of the literary critic will be modified by the constant use of the scientific method, quite as much as the attitude of the literary creator. He will seek ever to relate a work of art, whether it is an epic or a tragedy, a novel or a play, to its environment, weighing all the circumstances of its creation. He will strive to estimate it as it is, of course, but also as a contribution to the evolution of its species made by a given people at a given period. He will endeavor to keep himself free from lip-service and from ancestor-worship, holding himself derelict to his duty if he should fail to admit frankly that in every masterpiece of the past, however transcendent its merits, there must needs be much that is temporary admixed with more that is permanent—many things which pleased its author's countrymen in his own time and which do not appeal to us, even though we can perceive also what is eternal and universal, even though we read in it much that the author's contemporaries had not our eyes to perceive. All the works of Shakespeare and of Moliere are not of equal value; and even the finest of them is not impeccable; and a literary critic who has not a scientific sincerity will not gloss over the minor defects, whatever his desires to concentrate attention on the nobler qualities by which Shakespeare and Moliere achieved their mighty fame."—North American Review.

A curious method for terminating the Russo-Japanese war was initiated at a meeting at Barcelona, Spain, on Monday. Delegates representing 106 labor and other societies telegraphed to the international anti-military committee of Holland demanding that a general strike be proclaimed in all countries with the object of ending hostilities in the Far East.

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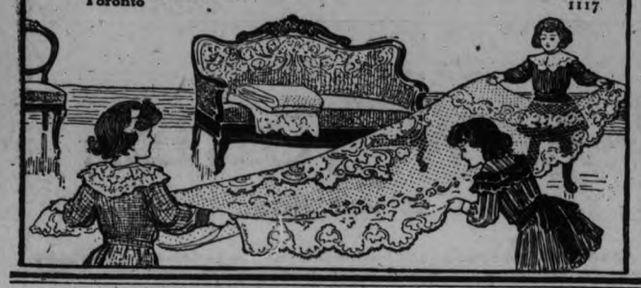

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

At the annual meeting of the R. A. and I Society, officers, directors and members of the executive were elected. The officers follows: Hon. president, Hon. R. G. Tatlow, M. P. P., Victoria; presidents, T. J. Trapp, New Westminster; D. R. Ker, Victoria; A. C. Wells, Chilliwack; T. W. Stirling, Kelowna; W. H. Ladner, Ladner; A. H. B. Macgowan, M. P. P., Vancouver; W. W. Shaw, Kamloops. G. D. Brymner was re-elected honorary treasurer, and W. H. Keary was again the unanimous choice for the positions of manager and secretary.

ROSSLAND.

It has been decided to hold a winter carnival in Rossland this year. The following officers have been elected: Honorary president, the mayor of Rossland; permanent chairman, K. E. Mackenzie; secretary, A. B. Mackenzie; honorary treasurer, C. B. Winter. Definite dates for the carnival are set for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th.

James I. Cronin, general manager of the big St. Eugene silver mine in East Kootenay, has accepted the general managership of the War Eagle and Centre Star mines. Mr. Cronin is a director in both companies. He succeeds E. B. Kirby, who has recently resigned.

NELSON.

An unknown man was killed on the C. P. R. track the other afternoon near Farron station, which is 30 miles west of Robson, on the Boundary branch. How he came to be on the track, what train struck him and when, are not known. As a freight train passed Farron going east one of the crew noticed a dark object on the track ahead. The train was stopped at once. Several of the train crew went forward and found the body of a man. He had evidently been run over by a train, as his body was very badly cut up. None of the crew recognized him. The body was taken to Farron, but nothing further was learned. No one at the station knew him or had ever seen him before, and no information could be obtained about him. The last train that went over the track before the freight train whose crew found the body was an east bound passenger.

REVELSTOKE.

On Saturday the body of W. Shearer, who has been employed in the C. P. R. freight shed here for some time, was found on the track in the yard badly mangled, two engines having run over it. Deceased supplied the piano music at the banquet on Friday evening, and left the Hotel Revelstoke about 5 a.m. for his room in the freight shed. The morning was pitch dark on account of the electric lights being out, and it is supposed an engine struck and killed him, the remains lying on the track till found at daylight.

C. H. Temple, who has been master mechanic for the Pacific division of the C. P. R. for the past two years, has been promoted to the same position at Winnipeg, and leaves shortly to enter on his new duties. He will be succeeded by Mr. Phipps, master mechanic at Calgary. Mr. Temple has been a resident of Revelstoke for several years, having been shop foreman before master mechanic. A complimentary banquet was tendered Mr. Temple at the Hotel Revelstoke Friday evening, when he was presented with an address, gold-headed cane and set of pipes.

The mayor and aldermen of Revelstoke have been returned by acclamation as follows: H. A. Brown, mayor; aldermen, ward 1, John McLeod and W. A. Foote; ward 2, G. S. McCarter and F. B. Lewis; ward 3, John Abrahamson and C. M. Field. This year the attention of the aldermen will be directed towards the electric lighting plant. Some important improvements are necessary, and no doubt will be undertaken and finished during the year.

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WHAT IS LIGHTNING.

Some of the Curiosities Observed by Meteorologists.

The patient observations of a small band of scientists have produced in recent years substantial additions to our knowledge of the actual electrical states of the atmosphere and of the earth under different conditions of time, season and weather.

Observers are agreed, says the Electrical Magazine, that with increased elevation above the earth's surface the electric potential is in greater magnitude, but in what ratio is not known.

If we assume that the values found on mountains and at different points on the earth's surface furnish data for calculation, it would seem that in space the potential must be over a million volts.

The destructive effects of lightning have revealed a force of ten times that amount. On mountains the dispersion of negative charges is considerably greater in rate than for positive charges.

In cellars and grottoes it has been noticed that positive charges are dissipated the more quickly, and by some this is attributed to the radio-active principle in the soil, the property also of deep springs, and of water drawn from the soil at a depth of one or two metres, and of air blown through water.

Sunlight is found to promote negative discharge; rain, on the other hand, aids the dispersion of positive charges.

On the earth's surface the radio-active principle is most energetic under a clear sky, and has been found more so in Norway than in Germany, being in winter greatest in the evening.

Some scientists are inclined to explain the phenomenon of dispersion by the presence of radio-activity everywhere.

So far as the atmosphere potential is concerned, a modern view much favored is that the ultra-violet rays from the sun ionise the air, and the resultant ions are attached to closed drops, or conversely that water vapor condenses on the ions.

Much light will be thrown upon phenomena which are now perplexing when more observations are taken by means of balloons at different altitudes.

It is the lack of these which renders it difficult to frame a theory which will satisfy the facts which are at present available and which in some senses appear to be contradictory.

BLOOD OF MEN AND APES.

An interesting departure from the usual methods of studying the similarity between man and the other primates has been made by Professor Uhlenmuth, a noted German anthropologist, who has recently carried on a series of interesting observations on the blood of men, apes and monkeys. Between the blood of the first two there are many points of similarity and evidences of a distinct relationship, but the blood of monkeys can readily be distinguished from that of men. The difference is more or less marked according to the species, the greatest resemblance being seen in the case of the gorilla and the least with the lemurs, a small species about the size of a cat, and having a face somewhat like a fox. A singular fact is that, judged by the blood, there is less evidence of relationship found in the American family of apes than in those of the Old World.—Harper's Weekly.

Three miners are said to be dead and a score of others are entombed in a 600-foot shaft of the Decatur Coal Co., cut off from rescue by dense smoke, produced by a fire that started Monday in a mule stable.

THE TASTE OF THE TEA.

Women Adept in the Art of Brewing the Beverage May Hypnotize Men.

Do you drink tea?

Have you ever enjoyed the soothing comfort, the gentle exhilaration of a cup made from carefully selected leaf?

No?

Then you have missed much that makes life worth living; you have before you a fair, green spot in the desert of life that wafts you a fragrant invitation to come and rest, care free, within its charm.

Physicians who regard tea without the colored fancy of the enthusiast declare that its activity aids digestion. That is the wholly material view of it, and were it this fact alone which pleads for the beverage it might easily sink to the commonplace level of a mere stomachic. There is no danger of this, however, for tea has grown to be a belief.

It has its art, its sentiment and its morality. It has been glorified in verse and haloed by the brush of the inspired artist. It is a social and political force.

The woman who can draw a faultless pot of tea has a fairy gift. It has often caused a proposal of marriage. It has mellowed out secrets long guarded. It has strengthened the ties of affection and blessed good fellowship.

These thoughts naturally arise when reading how tea making has figured in two instances in Pennsylvania. There are no statistics at hand to show that residents of that state love the leaf any more than folk in other parts of the country, but the examples at hand show that it has been a most powerful sentimental, social and domestic influence.

An aged Pennsylvanian, shrewd in business, 65, and long wedded, is being sued for breach of promise by a young woman whom he met as a "tea demonstrator" at a county fair. Through a long, frugal life this man had been a model of temperance. He looked not on the wine when it was red, nor blew upon the beer when it foamed. But when he looked upon a cup of steaming tea, poured from a perfect steeping, he was lost.

According to his own admissions, the action of the drink must have affected him like champagne when taken for the first time. And ever afterward, in a career of senile folly, the spell was upon him. Had he known the seduction of perfect tea earlier in life trouble might have shunned him in his old age.

In the other instance a serving maid whose brew was a fragrant symphony and whose serving of it was the perfection of facile grace and good breeding, was lured back to the former employer by a promise of a trip to Europe. Only natural is it that there should be competition for such a prize, but this is the point of ethics which is stirring the elect of Philadelphia society.

Is there any provocation strong enough to justify a woman in making such an offer over the telephone while the prize maid is busy rounding out the enjoyment of a successful tea party?

The making of tea has proved the fortune of this maid. It is so because she brought intelligence and some study to her work.

Millions of women in America make tea daily. The act is so familiar that some perform it with a carelessness that amounts to contempt. It is a small thing, but these two examples show how great it can become.

Next time you try to see how perfect you can make the brew. It will be the beginning of a good personal training, which, if highly developed, will give you no reason to be ashamed of the fact that you learned something from a teapot.—New York Telegram.

CONCERNING CONSULS.

Some of Their Trials, Also of Officials at the Foreign Office.

It is the large number of British consuls who are merchants, either unpaid or with trifling office allowances, which leads ill-bred people to treat H. M.'s consuls with impertinence on occasion. There was some time ago an admiral in command of the Mediterranean fleet who habitually addressed a charge d'affaires and consul-general with whom he had official business as Mr. Consul So-and-So, a slight for which even ignorance could hardly be pleaded in the case of an admiral. Travellers in out-of-the-way places also have a habit of sending a messenger with an almost peremptory request for horses to be sent to meet them, and it says much for the commonsense of consuls that they rarely, if ever, take offence at these lapses from courtesy and good manners. It is perhaps, not generally known that a simple consul ranks with a colonel in the army, and with a captain R. N. of three years' standing, and if one of the genus known as the Travelling Gent. were to send a message on board a man-of-war demanding a boat to be sent for his convenience, the answer he would receive would certainly be more nautical than polite.

But consuls are sometimes eccentric enough to cause amusement at the foreign office, especially those to whom the service is not a career in itself. One of the first things an attache or student-interpreter has to learn when he goes to Downing street to his duties is to write distinctly, and, if possible, to acquire the foreign office hand. But some of the mercantile consuls, both English and foreign, write indifferently, and if the chief happens to be particular on this head the fact will probably cause some remark.

There was once a consul in South America who had uncomfortable quarters, and, irritated beyond endurance, wrote home to complain of the number and size of the fleas in his consulate. Perhaps the unofficial occupants of his house were the cause of his writing badly, but the comment which the foreign secretary made on the margin of his dispatch was, "Living with his fleas can hardly be worse than reading his handwriting; which I cannot do."

Occasionally a consul-general, who has a wealth of stationery at his command, will receive a dispatch to the effect that dispatches intended for the secretary of state must be properly fastened together with cord, and not with thorns. Then he smiles, for he knows that this is a circular dispatch called forth by the fact that the Deputy-Assistant Vice-Consular-Agent of the Uninhabited Islands has, in default of better means, fastened his pages together with the pin of primitive woman, and that his attention has been called to the lapse in this impersonal manner.

Pins, it may be mentioned are tabooed at the F. O. ever since Lord Palmerston, having pricked his hand with one of them when unfolding some papers, desired that all the pins in the office should at once be made over to the female branch of the establishment.—From "Careers for Men and Women" in T. P.'s Weekly.

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REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA, CHAPTER 92.

Notice is hereby given that one month after date application will be made to the Governor-General in Council for approval of the plan and site of a wharf and sawmill to be erected by William Moore and Ernest W. Whittington on and opposite Lots 7, 8, 9 and 10, in Block B, Work Estate, in the City of Victoria, British Columbia.

A plan of the site with description thereof has been deposited with the Department of Public Works at Ottawa, and a duplicate of each has been deposited in the Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C.

Dated this 28th day of November, 1904, at Victoria, British Columbia.

WOOTTON & GOWARD,
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Victoria, British Columbia,
Solicitors for the Applicants.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made at the next session of the Legislature of British Columbia for an Act incorporating the British Canadian Fire Insurance Company, Limited, to carry on the business of Fire Insurance and to do all things appertaining thereto or connected therewith.

HIGGINS & ELLIOTT,
Solicitors for Applicants.
28th December, 1904.

SYNOPSIS OF REGULATIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF MINERALS ON DOMINION LANDS IN MANITOBA, THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES AND THE YUKON TERRITORY.

Coal.—Coal lands may be purchased at $10 per acre for soft coal and $20 for anthracite. Nor more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quartz.—Persons of eighteen years and over and joint stock companies holding free miners' certificates may obtain entry for a mining location.

A free miner's certificate is granted for one or more years, not exceeding five, upon payment in advance of $7.50 per annum for an individual, and from $50 to $100 per annum for a company, according to capital.

A free miner, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500x1,500 feet by marking out the same with two legal posts, bearing location notices, one at each end on the line of the lode or vein.

The claim shall be recorded within fifteen days if located within ten miles of a mining recorder's office, one additional day allowed for every additional ten miles or fraction. The fee for recording a claim is $5.

At least $100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When $500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at $1.00 an acre.

Permission may be granted by the Minister of the Interior to locate claims containing iron and mica, also copper, in the Yukon Territory, of an area not exceeding 160 acres.

The patent for a mining location shall provide for the payment of a Royalty of 2½ per cent. of the sales of the products of the location.

Placer Mining.—Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—Placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee, $5, renewable yearly. On the North Saskatchewan River claims are either bar or bench, the former being 100 feet long and extending between high and low water mark. The latter includes bar diggings, but extends back to the base of the hill or bank, but not exceeding 1,000 feet. Where steam power is used, claims 200 feet wide may be obtained.

Dredging in the rivers of Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—A free miner may obtain only two leases of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable in the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars of the river below low water mark, and subject to the rights of all persons who have, or who may receive, entries for bar diggings or bench claims, except on the Saskatchewan River, where the lessee may dredge to high water mark on each alternate leasehold.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles, but where a person or company has obtained more than one lease one dredge for each fifteen miles or fraction is sufficient. Rental, $10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of two and a half per cent. collected on the output after it exceeds $10,000.

Dredging in the Yukon Territory.—Six leases of five miles each may be granted to a free miner for a term of twenty years, also renewable.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars in the river below low water mark, that boundary to be fixed by its position on the 1st day of August in the year of the date of the lease.

The lessee shall have one dredge in operation within two years from the date of the lease, and one dredge for each five miles within six years from such date. Rental, $100 per mile for first year and $10 per mile for each subsequent year. Royalty, same as placer mining.

Placer Mining in the Yukon Territory.—Creek, gulch, river and hill claims shall not exceed 250 feet in length, measured on the base line or general direction of the creek or gulch, the width being from 1,000 to 2,000 feet. All other placer claims shall be 250 feet square.

Claims are marked by two legal posts, one at each end, bearing notices. Entry must be obtained within ten days, if the claim is within ten miles of mining recorder's office. One extra day allowed for each additional ten miles or fraction.

The person or company staking a claim must hold a free miner's certificate.

The discoverer of a new mine is entitled to a claim of 1,000 feet in length, and if the party consists of two, 1,500 feet altogether, on the output of which no royalty shall be charged, the rest of the party ordinary claims only.

Entry fee, $10. Royalty at the rate of two and one-half per cent. on the value of the gold shipped from the Yukon Territory to be paid to the Comptroller.

No free miner shall receive a grant of more than one mining claim on each separate river, creek or gulch, but the same miner may hold any number of claims by purchase, and free miners may work their claims in partnership by filing notice and paying fee of $2. A claim may be abandoned, and another obtained on the same creek, gulch or river, by giving notice and paying a fee.

Work must be done on a claim each year to the value of at least $200.

A certificate that work has been done must be obtained each year; if not, the claim shall be deemed to be abandoned, and open to occupation and entry by a free miner.

The boundaries of a claim may be defined absolutely by having a survey made and publishing notice in the Yukon Official Gazette.

Petroleum.—All unappropriated Dominion lands in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and within the Yukon Territory are open to prospecting for petroleum, and the Minister may reserve for an individual or company having machinery on the land to be prospected an area of 1,920 acres for such period as he may decide, the length of which shall not exceed three times the breadth. Should the prospector discover oil in paying quantities, and satisfactorily establish such discovery, an area not exceeding 640 acres, including the oil well, will be sold to the prospector at the rate of $1 an acre, and the remainder of the tract reserved, namely, 1,280 acres, will be sold at the rate of $3 an acre, subject to royalty at such rate as may be specified by Order in Council.

JAMES A. SMART,
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Victoria, 7th January, 1905.

Notice of Application for Grant of Foreshore License to Construct Wharf.

Notice is hereby given that, under and pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1886, Chapters 36 and 92, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria has applied to the Governor-General in Council for the grant of a portion of the foreshore on the northeast of Rock Bay, in Victoria Harbor.

A plan of the said foreshore and of the works and improvements proposed and a description by metes and bounds of the proposed sites of the same have been deposited with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa, and a duplicate thereof has been deposited in the Land Registry Office at Victoria aforesaid.

Dated this 19th day of December, 1904.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
Clerk of the Municipal Council of the City of Victoria.

NOTICE.

All mineral rights are reserved by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company within that tract of land bounded on the south by the south boundary of Comox District, on the east by the Straits of Georgia, on the north by the 50th parallel, and on the west by the boundary of the E. & N. Railway Land Grant.

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A PARLOR SHOW.

Arrangements Made By Special Committee of Kennel Club For Exhibition.

At a meeting of a special committee of the Victoria Kennel Club, held last evening, final arrangements were made for the forthcoming parlor show. It was agreed that it should take place on Wednesday night, January 25th, at the Sir William Wallace hall. There will be two classes in each breed, namely, novice and open, and it was decided on motion that dogs that have previously won first prizes will be prohibited from taking part in this competition. An entrance fee of 25 cents is to be charged, and there will be a general admission of 10 cents. All entries must be in the hands of Secretary McConnell or members of the committee before 7.30 o'clock on the night of the show, and the proceeds will be devoted towards the purchasing of medals for the winners of the respective classes.

When the question of appointing judges came up there was some discussion. Satisfactory arrangements were made after much consideration. Miss Davie consented to pass upon all setters. On motion D. A. Upper was appointed to judge cocker spaniels, G. I. Dunn, Irish and all other spaniels, and F. Turner, all other breeds. The show promises to be most successful.

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VANCOUVER URGES CHANGES IN ACT

(Continued from page 1.)

Mr. Alexander said that what he meant to show was the importance of the lumber industry to the province. The company only got 11.5 per cent. out of the cost of production, while the general public in the way of wages, etc., got 88 per cent. It was therefore an important matter not to press too heavily upon the industry.

With reference to the taxation of book debts, he showed that an article might be taxed three times. A sold to B on credit, B sold to C on credit. The article was taxed on C and the value collected on from B and A.

Chairman Carter-Cotton thought that the same applied to taxing income, as taxes were collected off the income of the employees.

Mr. Alexander showed that this was not true, as the salaries were deducted before the tax was paid on income so that there was no double taxing.

Mr. Buntzen then placed a proposition before Mr. Alexander. He said that the personal property tax amounted to about $200,000; the income tax about $85,000, of which the general public paid about $45,000. To wipe out the personal property tax would require the raising of $245,000 from the general public, which meant increasing it by five or six times. Mr. Buntzen wanted to know if he thought that the public would be satisfied to pay a high rate on income taxation.

Mr. Alexander did not think that the public would be satisfied, but he thought it was the fair way to do it.

Mr. Buntzen, coming to the increased rate up to perhaps 7 per cent. as in England, wanted to know if this would not press unfairly on the single man and the man with a large family, and the income tax become as unfair as any other system of taxation.

Mr. Alexander urged that there was a feeling that very inaccurate returns were made in connection with the assessment, and that, therefore, the taxes pressed unequally. It was suggested that a better system of getting accurate returns should exist. In the state of Washington a board of equilization, which was a local body, went into the returns after they were prepared by the assessor, and from its knowledge adjusted the assessment. He wanted to know if the assessment returns were available for inspection by any one wishing to see them. In Ontario it was provided that these rolls were open for inspection, and the person might make any complaint in the matter.

Hon. R. G. Tatlow showed that section 88 provided that the assessment rolls were open for inspection. The returns were not open, but simply the rolls prepared from these.

Mr. Alexander said that an impression also prevailed that there were persons who did not pay their taxes, and the remainder were, therefore, obliged to pay higher for this. He never heard of a forced collection of delinquent taxes on personal property. He would like to have it provided that at a certain date action should be taken.

Hon .R. G. Tatlow said that there never was a year previous to this when there was as little in unpaid taxes as at present. He had given instructions to enforce the payment. One instance of the enforced collection was that of seizing the Le Roi mine for taxes held to be due.

Mr. McKilligan said that assessors were instructed to restrain when taxes became delinquent. It would not be wise to fix one date for restraining, as there would be a wholesale action in this line, and many merchants' stocks would be seized.

Henry S. Stone, of Gault Bros., a member of the deputation, next addressed the commission. He alluded to the fact that apparently the personal property tax had been collected in its severity from the few, while the majority got off lightly. The total taxes collected showed that the assessment for personal property was only $18,000,000. If proper returns were made by all, this, he believed, would be doubled. There were 620 stores in the province and 11 wholesale houses. Taking the average values of these at $7,000 each for the former and $75,000 for the latter, the total would be $5,000,000 valuation. In connection with his own firm, which expended $30,000 in the province, the severity of the taxation made it very questionable whether it should not withdraw its houses here and depend upon travellers doing the business. He argued in favor of taxing travellers who came into the province to do business.

Giving his own views he opposed taxing book debts. The merchant derived no advantage from carrying these debts, and should not be taxed. He favored the collection of taxation on the amount of the turnover. The merchant in many instances had to carry a large stock on account of his distance from the manufacturing centres. The merchant derived no advantage from the large stock carried.

W. J. McMillan, representing the wholesale interests on the deputation, said that the small merchant was pressed more heavily upon in taxing book accounts. The large merchant could discount his and get value, but the small merchant having his book accounts in small amounts was not able to do this. This assessing of book debts meant taxing goods to the full amount over and over again. This taxing of book accounts was most unjust. The merchant was not able to raise his rate and collect this tax indirectly because of the competition from outside salesmen coming in.

Asked how he would collect from these, Mr. McMillan advocated collecting a license. The commission merchant should also be taxed if necessary under a special classification.

Chairman Carter-Cotton wanted to know if there was not danger of driving some of these commission merchants out of the province.

"Well, you have the alternative of driving out these or driving out the merchants who carry a large stock," said Mr. McMillan. He thought the latter were entitled to more consideration as being of greater value.

With reference to book debts he said that in many instances merchants had to carry farmers' accounts from one crop to another. If this law was enforced strictly these merchants would be rendered bankrupt.

John Boyd, of the deputation, urged that travellers coming in and selling goods should be made to pay heavily. Many of these represented jobing houses of Seattle, Portland, etc., who did no benefit to the country. He thought that commission merchants could be made to pay on the turnover. As a representative of the merchant class he did not favor the allowing of professional men and lenders of money getting off with a much smaller tax than the merchant of a similar income.

A. B. Erskine also addressed the commission very briefly, supporting the other members of the deputation.

In concluding, Mr. Alexander said that their was no opposition to paying taxes. The desire was to get a basis of taxation which would press fairly.

W. L. Fagan, assessor for Vancouver district, was asked by Mr. Ker if there were any items in form 9 referring to annual income. Mr. Fagan said that he would curtail them. The merchants should be asked to state to what date his balance sheet was made up. The amount of insurance should also be put in, which would give the assessor a good idea of the value.

The commission then adjourned until 2.30 this afternoon.

NOT FOUND YET.

Nanaimo Council Offers Reward for Recovery of Children's Bodies.

According to the Nanaimo Herald, the council of the Coal City has offered a reward of $250 for the recovery of the bodies of the two little children of Mrs. D. Jones and Mrs. J. Rogers, dead or alive. The paper says:

"Hundreds of people have been out in that vicinity every day searching and it is not too much to say that every inch of territory on which the children might be found has been searched and researched without the discovery of even a clue to their presence. They have disappeared as completely as if they had been taken up and disappeared into thin air, and this inexplicable mystery has caused among the people of Nanaimo a feeling somewhat akin to consternation, and all sorts of theories have been advanced, reasonable and unreasonable, to provide some explanation for the mystery.

"Among other sources of information that have been laid under contribution to provide a clue has been the women of second sight, of whom there are a number in Nanaimo. Several definite statements have been received from such quarters and been thoroughly investigated, but without a shadow of success, and the decision of the city council to offer a reward has but reflected the feeling of the people."

GRAND DUCHESS DEAD.

(Associated Press.)

Weimar, Grand Duchy of Weimer, Jan. 17.—The Grand Duchess of Saxe-Weimar died this morning of inflammation of the lungs, supervening from influenza. She was born in 1884.

FOUND MURDERED.

(Associated Press.)

Winnipeg, Jan. 17.—George King, a full, blooded negro who lived here for years, was found murdered near the Northern Elevator Company's big elevator in the C. P. R. yards.

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LOCAL NEWS

—Argument on the Vancouver street ends appeal case is being continued before the Full court this afternoon. The hearing of the Le Roi assessment appeal will be resumed to-morrow afternoon.

—"A Trip to the Far East" is the subject of a lecture to be delivered to-morrow evening at the Y. M. C. A. by Rev. Archibald Ewing. The discourse will be illustrated by lantern views of Japan and China, and should prove interesting and instructive. A nominal admission fee of 10 cents will be charged, and everyone attending is promised a profitable and pleasant time.

—At the Y. M. C. A. rooms to-night a members' social will be held in the assembly rooms. An appropriate programme has been arranged. This will include musical selections and brief addresses from members of the different committees on the various branches of work. Refreshments will be served, and a pleasant time is assured all attending.

—The proprietor of The Week, S. A. G. Finch, is about to incorporate the property as a limited liability company, and has been joined in this enterprise by Arthur Watts, formerly of the staff of the Times and Colonist, and by T. L. Grahame, who has retired from the Colonist staff for this purpose. The company will be incorporated with a capital of $7,000. None of this stock will be offered to the public. The purpose of The Week will be to supply every Saturday a compendium of local, general and commercial affairs of interest to Vancouver Island and the province generally, original literary work, musical, literary and dramatic criticism, and to include the treatment of current topics in the lighter vein.

—James Wood, formerly employed by James Hay in the shoeing shop on Pandora street, has entered into partnership with H. W. Murray, proprietor of the Palace Shoeing Forge at 125 Johnson street, where they will carry on a general horseshoeing business, attending to both light and heavy horses, and will make a specialty of shoeing animals with defective gaits, such as interfering, overreaching, etc. The new firm should certainly be successful, as they have both won enviable reputations in the past as experts at the art of horseshoeing. Their premises are commodious, and furnished with all the appliances of an up-to-date shoeing shop, including Barkwell's shoeing stocks for the humane handling of fractious horses, insuring safety to both man and beast. Messrs. Murray & Wood will be glad to call for and return horses to any part of the city on being notified, an innovation that will certainly be a convenience to busy horse-owners.

ANNUAL MEETING

Of Tourist Association Will Be Held at the City Hall on Thursday Evening.

On Thursday evening the annual meeting of the Victoria Tourist Association will be held at the city hall. His Worship Mayor Barnard will occupy the chair, and the proceedings promise to be of exceptional interest. An exhaustive report, compiled by members of the executive committee and dealing with the past year's work and its results, will be read by Secretary Cuthbert. It will be illustrated by a splendid collection of lantern views. Following this will be addresses by prominent members and others, after which miscellaneous business is to come up for consideration. Everyone interested is extended a cordial invitation, ladies particularly being made heartily welcome.

In this connection mention might be made of another splendid advertisement received by Victoria through the enterprise of this association. The January issue of the National Monthly of Canada contains a seven-page article on "Victoria, the Queen City of the Coast," by J. Macdonald Oxley. It is illustrated by 19 splendid views of this city. They include pictures of Government street, the post office, Metropolitan Methodist church, bluejackets parading on Esquimalt road, Albert Head, a local shipyard, the Gorge bridge, the Sayward sawmill, the Princess Victoria, Victoria strawberries on the vine, Victoria strawberries ready for the market, a bird's eye view of Victoria from the parliament buildings, the sealing fleet in Victoria harbor, the parliament buildings, Esquimalt harbor, showing sailors' recreation grounds, and Beacon Hill park. A number of these are full page pictures.

The article itself is comparatively brief, but gives an able summary of the attractions Victoria offers both the business man and the tourist. In part Mr. Oxley says:

"Besides the nautral beauty of her situation Victoria is fortunate in having close at hand attractive pleasure resorts which delight both residents and visitors. Beacon Hill park to the south of the city, with salt waves washing its eastern boundary, is uniquely picturesque; then the Gorge, an inlet of the sea, suggesting a Norwegian fjord, invites canoes and skiffs to float upon its placid bosom; behind the city and easily accessible by electric roads lies Oak Bay, a superb expanse of water affording abundant room for sailing, while northward a mile or two is Esquimalt harbor."

Referring to the commerce of the city, he continues: "Turning now to the commercial aspect of the city there are manifest abundant tokens of wealth and progress. Victoria is a port of call for all trans-Pacific steamship lines to the Orient and to Australia, and in addition has direct communication with the cities of the Sound, Seattle, Tacoma and San Francisco to the south and all ports as far as north as Alaska."

BOSTON'S TRADE.

Directors of the Chamber of Commerce Refer to the Serious Decline Since 1901.

(Associated Press.)

Boston, Mass., Jan. 17.—The possibility of a contest for the choice of president lent unusual interest to-day to the Boston Chamber of Commerce. Thos. W. Lawson withdrew his name as a candidate for president.

The first business of the meeting was the presentation of the annual report of the directors. In this the directors consider at length a decline which has taken place in the foreign commerce of the port of Boston since 1901. Chief among the causes of the decline was placed the alleged discrimination practiced by trunk line railroads in according to the ports of Philadelphia and Baltimore and Newport News lower rates from the interior to the seaboard than to Boston and New York. On grain exports and reciprocity with Canada the report said:

"So severe was the decline in the volume of grain coming to this port for export during the first half of the year that the rates for local inspection were increased from 30 cents to 50 cents per 100 bushels. For many years this organization was a strong advocate of more liberal trade relations with Canada and Newfoundland. We regret that no definite progress has yet been made so far as Canada is concerned. As pointed out in our last report, however, the settlement of the Alaskan boundary dispute in 1903 removed the chief obstacle to a satisfactory adjustment of the question."

BASKETBALL LEAGUES.

Indications Point to Close Struggle for Junior and Intermediate Championships—Standing of Teams.

The intermediate and junior basketball leagues are becoming more interesting as the respective series progress. Present indications point to a close struggle for both championships. Appended is the standing of the competing teams:

Intermediate.

	Won.	Lost.	Pts.
Victoria West	3	1	6
James Bay	2	3	4
Y. M. C. A.	0	3	0
Fernwood	2	3	4
Cloverdale	4	0	8
No. 5 Co.	2	3	4

Junior.

	Won.	Lost.	Pts.
James Bay	4	1	8
Victoria West	4	0	8
Y. M. C. A.	1	2	2
Fernwood	2	3	4
Cloverdale	2	2	4
Fifth Regiment	0	5	0

PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. W. McHarg arrived from up the line by the noon train to-day. They returned a couple of weeks ago, after making an extended tour of the Orient, and have been sojourning with friends at Duncans. While in the city they are guests at the Dominion.

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Nelson McDonald, formerly of this city, but now residing at Dawson, has received his medal for services in South Africa during the Boer war. He enlisted with the Second Canadian Mounted Rifles in this city.

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Capt. A. F. Yates and C. A. Wardell, of Nanaimo; Dr. Baird, of Winnipeg; M. J. Kerchoff, of Seattle; and C. Hood and wife, of Maple Creek, are among the guests at the Dominion hotel.

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Col. Warren and Wm. Warren, of Vancouver, are staying at the Victoria. They arrived from the Mainland last evening by the steamer Princess Victoria.

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Jas. Maitland-Dougall, F. Maitland-Dougall and Miss Maitland-Dougall, of Cowichan, are registered at the New England hotel.

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Mrs. A. M. Cook, of Seattle, who has been visiting relatives here for the past few weeks, returned to the Sound last evening.

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Mrs. S. Campbell arrived on the Amur from Ketchikan yesterday on a visit to her mother, Mrs. R. S. Byrn.

Miss Maude Chambers left last night on a visit to friends in Seattle and Portland.

In regard to the report current that Russia is seeking to buy an island in the Indian ocean for use as a naval station on the route to the Far East, the officials in Paris say there have not been any negotiations for the purchase of any of the French islands in the neighborhood of Madagascar.

—Great reductions in furniture, carpets, draperies, etc., at Weiler Bros. It is their annual sale. You will find all the reduced furniture marked with red tags. All goods marked thus will remain so until everything is sold.

BORN.

YOUNG—At New Westminster, on Jan. 14th, the wife of Jas. A. Young, of a son.

M'KILLOP—At Nelson, on Jan. 12th, the wife of A. L. McKillop, of a son.

WOODHOUSE—At Nelson, on Jan. 13th, the wife of W. A. E. Woodhouse, of a daughter.

DIED.

MURRAY—At the family residence, on the 16th inst., Capt. Geo. W. Murray, aged 56 years, and a native of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The funeral will take place from No. 42 First street, on Wednesday at 2.30 p. m. Friends please accept this intimation.

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PUBLIC MEETING

In compliance with the request of the members of the Board of Trade, I have pleasure in announcing that a public meeting will be held in the
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For the purpose of discussing the question of the
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